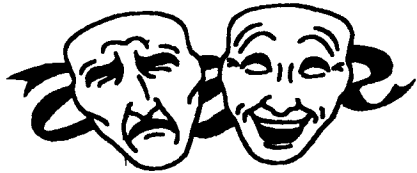


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Friday Fiesta



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Comedienne Jackie Guerra

is scheduled to make Penn State-Behrend laugh as part of the festivities during Friday Fiesta. She hits the stage at 9:00 p.m.

'The Imaginary Cuckold'

ERIE--*The Imaginary Cuckold*, a classic Moliere farce of misunderstandings and mistaken identities that grow more tangled with each passing scene, makes its Penn State-Behrend Studio Theater debut Friday, March 31.

One of Moliere's early comedies, *Cuckold* was first presented by his acting company on May 28, 1660. It was at once a hit, playing to packed houses even during the "dead season" of summer. By the end of that year it had been performed a remarkable thirty-four times at the Petit-Bourbon Theater and a half-dozen times before the court of a delighted King Louis XIV.

This tale of four confused lovers upheld the tradition--even then two centuries old--of the one-act French farce. The plot develops quickly, puts standard comic types at the mercy of absurd situations, builds to a peak of confusion, and concludes with a brief and convenient resolution. The characters are familiar, comical, and sympathetic.

"I've always wanted to produce a piece of classic theater in Behrend's very intimate space," explains Tony Elliot, production director and lecturer of theater at the college. "Finding a clear and accessible translation of Moliere can be a problem, but this one, by Richard Wilbur, is brilliant.

It's fast and fun, and nothing gets lost in the process.

"There is nothing stuffy and stiff any of the characterizations or situations in *Cuckold*. The comedy is broad and physical, with plenty of comical asides to the audience," Elliot adds. "The misunderstandings begin on page one of the play and the action never slows down. Maintaining the pace and energy will be a challenge for myself and the actors."

The Imaginary Cuckold's cast includes Erie residents Abigail

Greenberg as Celie and Ericha Hagenbuch, who plays the wife of Sganarelle. Other cast members are David Bridi, Kanova Latrice Johnson, Brian Kierzek, Kim McIlwain, Matt Milroth, Christopher K. Ruch, and Dave Stoehr.

Performances of *The Imaginary Cuckold* will be held at 8 p.m. opening night and Saturday, April 1, Thursday, April 6, Friday, April 7, and Saturday, April 8. Matinee performances will be at 2:30 p.m. Sunday, April 2, and Sunday, April 9. Tickets are \$5 for general admission and \$3 for students. For more information or to reserve tickets, phone the theater box office at 898-6016.



Playing Moliere is Abigail Greenberg, Matt Milroth and Ericha Hagenbuch (rear) in this semester theater production.

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