

Studio Theater Preview...

Baby With The Bathwater

by Timothy Jones
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What do a baby, two inexperienced parents, a wacky nanny, wild costumes and a lively mix of times have in common? Times up! It's *Baby With The Bathwater*, the play written by Christopher Durang, directed by Kathleen Campbell, and presented by Behrend's Matchbox Players.

As the title portrays, the play is a wild one. Campbell says,

character. From talking to the actors, you get a real sense that they know their characters well.

Stephen Daniel had this to say about John, the character he portrays in *Bathwater*: "He's a confused individual who wants a family, but can't understand why it doesn't work out and escapes everything through sitting by the refrigerator and drinking vodka."

Along the same token, Terri Swanson, who plays his on-stage wife, Helen, remarks, "Helen wants everything to be perfect,



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-Kathleen Campbell/Theater Director

"The play is very bizarre, funny and crazy." She has a lot of enthusiasm about the cast also. "We are in good shape and are where we should be. I have a good feeling everyone is in the right rhythm."

After having said that, she gets a warm smile on her face. She knows she has chosen the right play and has no second thoughts. "It's a fun play to work on. When you work with a play, you get to know it and I'm pleased with *Baby With The Bathwater*."

One of the different things in this play is that some of the actors play more than one role. This gives an interesting and delightful twist to it, and is a challenge for the actors as well as the audience.

Each actor and actress have their own feelings about their

but she tries too hard."

Johnna Simmons who plays Cynthia, Angela and Susan remarked about her characters, "The three characters are very different. I like Angela the best because she has an edge that the other two don't."

Director Campbell is not the only one excited about *Baby With The Bathwater*. The actors and actresses are also enthusiastic and psyched up to give us a real funny comedy.

The play runs on Fridays and Saturdays at 8:00 p.m. until Nov. 16 and on Sundays from Nov. 3 to Nov. 17 at 2:30 p.m. The play is performed in the Studio Theater on campus. Tickets for Behrend students, faculty and staff are \$3.00 and general admission is \$4.00. You can call for ticket reservations at 898-6016.

What is this thing? Parents John and Helen (Stephen Daniel and Terri Swanson) are thrown into a confusing situation with the birth of their baby. *Baby With The Bathwater* will be the Behrend theater's first production this semester as well as the debut for Behrend's new director, Kathleen Campbell.

Friday night at Bruno's

Comedian Felicia Michaels leads the battle of the sexes

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Picture Glenda the Good Witch of the North wearing a tight black mini and performing stand-up. That is what you'll see this Friday at Bruno's (Behrend's only on-campus nightclub).

Felicia Michaels is a blonde-haired, blue-eyed, bombshell with a voice that sounds, as she says, "like I have a helium tank stuck up my a__." She describes herself as a six-year-old Marilyn Monroe, "I'm not, like, gorgeous or anything. I'm cute, but I'm stupid cute."

She began her comedy career on a bet while working as a receptionist in a doctor's office. According to the Houston Post, Michaels "used to go out with a guy who did comedy and we made a bet." She performed during open-mike night at a local club and liked it so much she moved to Los Angeles where she soon



Men are slime: "Cute but deadly" comedian Felicia Michaels will be injecting laughter into the Behrend community this Friday night at Bruno's. One of her main topics is the battle of the sexes.

became a regular at Mitzi Shore's Dunes Comedy Club.

Michaels' comedy deals mainly with the thought that "Men are slime" and her jokes weigh heavily in the battle of the sexes. Her comedy is slightly X-rated and is about her boyfriend, kinky sex, and men; topics she can deal with. Her act is hilarious to the broad-minded, sold-out audiences she performs for.

Her other interests include horseback and motorcycle riding, basketball, skiing, tennis and the ability to be very polite. She has worked with such stars as Gary Mule Deer, Skip Stephenson and Wild Willie Parsons at clubs such as The Comedy Store, Dunes and The Comedy Stop and has also appeared on national television.

Don't miss Felicia Michaels, the "cute but deadly" comedian who will appear this Friday at 9:00 at Bruno's (Behrend's only on-campus night club).

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