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## **IWU Laboratory Theatre Includes Faculty for 2001&endash;02 Season**

BLOOMINGTON, Ill.--For its 2001-02 season, Illinois Wesleyan University's Laboratory Theatre will present works designed, directed and performed by IWU students and faculty.

Previously, IWU students primarily used the Laboratory Theatre, but this season faculty directors will be producing shows as well. The shows will range from satire to drama to musical comedy.

The Laboratory Theatre, located next to McPherson Theatre, 304 E. Graham St., Bloomington, will present the following productions:

**The Actor's Nightmare/The Real Inspector Hound**, Sept. 25-29, 8 p.m.--The Actors Nightmare by Christopher Durang, and The Real Inspector Hound by Thomas Stoppard, theatrical comedies directed by IWU Professor of Theatre Arts Jared Brown, satirize the convention of theatre itself.

**Tone Clusters/Waiting for Lefty**, Nov. 1-3, 8 p.m., and Nov. 4 at 2 p.m.--Tone Clusters is written by Joyce Carol Oates, and directed by senior theatre arts major Kathryn Wheatley from Oak Park, Ill. The one-act play is about the parents of a serial murderer, who brutally kills a neighborhood girl. Waiting for Lefty, written by Clifford Odes and directed by senior theatre arts major Benjamin Calvert from Grants Pass, Ore., takes place in post-Depression America, where a group of taxi drivers have gathered to discuss a strike that is opposed by the Union's secretary. Tone Clusters and Waiting for Lefty are completely student designed and directed.

**Three More Sleepless Nights/TBA**, Feb. 21-23, 8 p.m., and Feb. 24 at 2 p.m.--Three More Sleepless Nights, written by Carol Churchill, and directed by senior theatre arts major Alyssa DeCesari from Lisle, Ill., examines the nights of three different couples and their domestic problems. A show yet to be announced, will be directed by senior theatre arts major Jeff Doden from Appleton, Wis.

**Lucky Stiff**, April 2-6, 8 p.m., and April 7 at 2 p.m.--Lucky Stiff, a musical comedy, written by Lynn Aherns, is a murder-mystery farce. IWU Assistant Professor of Theatre Arts and Music Theatre Coordinator Tom Ossowski directs the show, and some student-designed work is involved.

### **Ticket Information**

Tickets for all Laboratory Theatre productions are \$5.00 for general admission and \$1 for students with IDs. Tickets for each production can be purchased at the McPherson Theatre Box Office during regular Box Office hours.



Located at 304 E. Graham St., Bloomington, the Box Office is open from 12:30-5 p.m. weekdays, except on Tuesdays when the hours are 12:30-4 p.m. Tickets also may be purchased by calling McPherson Theatre at 309/ 556-3232.