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BLOOMINGTON, Ill.— The Illinois Wesleyan School of Theatre Arts will present *Problem Child* by George F. Walker, a piece directed by acting major Kate Fitzgerald, Class of 2014. **The play contains mature language.**

The production opens Monday, March 3 at 8 p.m. in the E. Melba Johnson Kirkpatrick Laboratory Theatre located on the west side of Presser Hall, with evening performances running through Wednesday, March 5.

"This has been a great learning experience for me. I've been fortunate to have a great team of student designers and faculty advisors to guide me through this process," Fitzgerald said, about her student-directing project. "Directing is a lot harder than it looks, but it has been a very rewarding experience."

*Problem Child*, written by Canadian screenwriter and playwright Walker, is a comedic tale of two unlikely parents caught in a custody battle. Denise and R.J., both former addicts and generally unsavory characters, impatiently await a counselor's decision about whether or not they are fit to raise their baby daughter while staying in a shabby motel room.

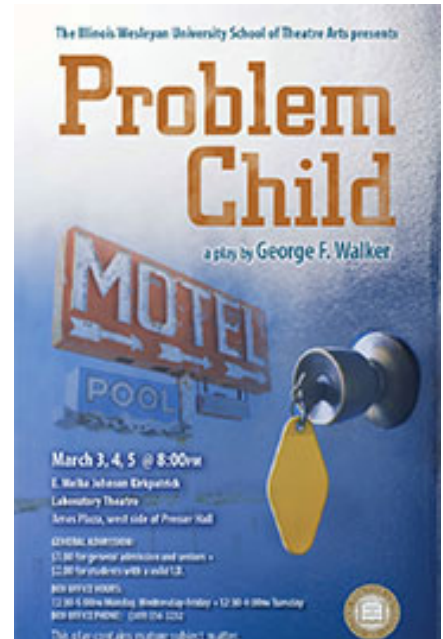
"Dark comedies are such a trick. I think they are more true to life than any other form of theatre," said Fitzgerald.

Tickets for *Problem Child* are available for purchase at the McPherson Theatre Box Office. General admission and senior tickets are \$3 and student tickets are \$2 with a valid school ID.

**The play contains mature language.** For additional information or to reserve tickets, contact the McPherson Theatre Box Office at (309) 556-3232 or visit the website at [www.iwu.edu/theatre](http://www.iwu.edu/theatre).

**Cast Members:** Caitlin McManus, '17 (Denise), Nick Castellanos, '15 (R.J.), Maggie Patchett, '16 (Helen), Forrest Loeffler, '16 (Phillie)

**Production Team:** Kate Fitzgerald, '14 (Director/Sound Designer), Audra Kuchling, '14 (Stage Manager), Alexa Eldridge, '16 (Assistant Stage Manager), Jenn Oswald, '15 (Costume Designer), Nick Carlson, '15 (Lighting Designer), Paige Kinnamon, '15 (Set Designer)



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