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## Fall Laboratory Theatre Production: *The Shape of Things*

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The Illinois Wesleyan School of Theatre Arts will present playwright Neil LaBute's *The Shape of Things*, a modern version of Adam and Eve, from Oct. 23-25.

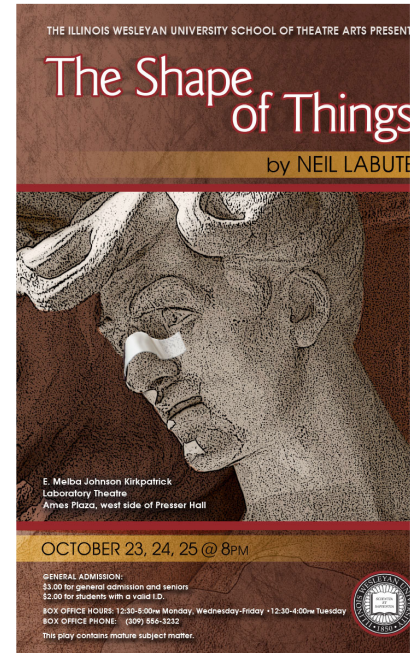
Depicting the lives of four college students who become emotionally and romantically intertwined, *The Shape of Things* chronicles the intense relationship of insecure Adam and amoral Evelyn. The play explores the uses of power within human relationships as well as the ethics involved in the relationship of art and life.

Professor of Theatre Arts Nancy Loitz is director of the production, assisted by Caitlin McManus '16 (Elmhurst, Ill.). According to the directors, the play implicitly addresses a question: on the surface, the events of *The Shape of Things* seem too extreme to happen at a school like ours—but are they?

Praised for his works that combine moral and ethical issues in portraits of American life, LaBute wrote and directed the film adaptation of *The Shape of Things* (2003), starring Paul Rudd and Rachel Weisz.

Performances for the Illinois Wesleyan production will be held at 8 p.m. at the E. Melba Johnson Kirkpatrick Laboratory Theatre on campus. Tickets are \$3 for general admission and \$2 with a valid student I.D., and are available for purchase the week of performances through the McPherson Theatre Box Office at (309) 556-3232.

**Cast:** Elizabeth Ferris '17 of Fairview Heights, Ill. (Evelyn), Evan Dolan '16 of Dubuque, Iowa (Adam), Nick Giambrone '16 of Chicago (Phillip), and Cathy Colburn '16 of Jacksonville, Ill. (Jenny).



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