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School of Theatre Arts to present *Women on the Verge of A Nervous Breakdown*

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Illinois Wesleyan University's School of Theatre Arts will present the musical *Women on the Verge of a Nervous Breakdown* Nov. 18 through Nov. 23 at the McPherson Theatre.

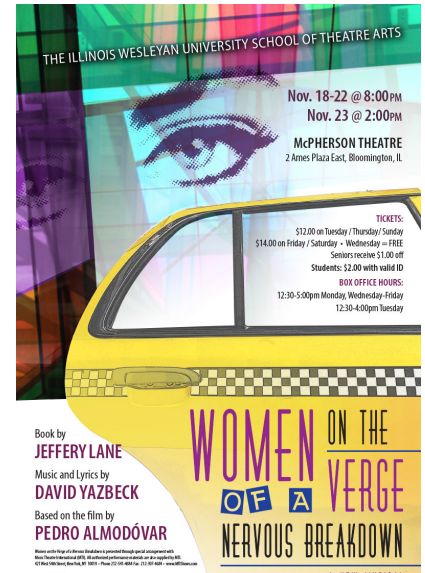
Based on the 1988 film by Pedro Almodóvar, the Spanish black-comedy drama has been adapted into a musical with book by Jeffery Lane and music and lyrics by David Yazbeck. The film was nominated for the Academy Award for Best Foreign Language Film.

Called touching and hilarious at the same time, *Women on the Verge* is "a story about women and the men who pursue them... finding them, losing them, needing them, and rejecting them."

At the center of the story is Pepa whose friends and lovers are blazing a trail through 1980s Madrid. Along with Pepa, there's her missing (possibly philandering) lover, Ivan; his ex-wife of questionable sanity, Lucia; their son Carlos; Pepa's friend, Candela, and her terrorist boyfriend; a power-suited lawyer, and a taxi driver who dispenses tissues, mints and advice in equal proportion.

Women is directed by guest director Andy Park, the founding artistic director of Chicago's Quest Theatre Ensemble. Sheri Marley, dance educator and choreographer at IWU, is choreographer, and music will be directed by Saul Nache, adjunct faculty member at IWU. The cast consists of: Brittany Ambler '15, Jordan Lipes '15, Halimah Nurullah '15, Ian Stewart '15, Kelsey Bearman '16, Heather Priedhorsky '15, Haley Miller '17, Carlos Medina Maldonado '16, Eli Miller '17, Sarah Menke '15, Maggie Patchett '16, Chris Long '16 and Evan Rumler '16. Priscilla Moy '15 is serving as assistant choreographer.

Tickets are \$12 for the Tuesday, Thursday and Sunday performances, and \$14 for the Friday and Saturday shows. Senior citizens receive \$1 off. Tickets for students with a valid ID are \$2. The Wednesday show is free. Curtain is at 8 p.m. except for the Sunday, Nov. 23 matinee, which begins at 2 p.m. Tickets are available at the McPherson Theatre Box Office with hours 12:30 -5 p.m. Monday, Wednesday-Friday and 12:30 -4 p.m. on Tuesday. Phone 309-556-3232 for tickets.



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