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BLOOMINGTON, Ill.— The Illinois Wesleyan University School of Theatre Arts will present the Midwest debut of Dipika Guha's play *Blown Youth*. Performances will take place from Oct. 6-10 at 8 p.m., and a matinee performance Oct. 11 at 2 p.m. All performances will take place at the McPherson Theatre (2 Ames Plaza East, Bloomington).

Blown Youth offers a twist on the classic Shakespearian drama, *Hamlet*, by putting a woman at the center of the world. The main character, Celia, and her friends attempt to create a perfect community of young women, yet their utopian vision soon starts to fray as the women's bonds of friendship unravel.



Professor of Theatre Arts Nancy Loitz will direct the production, and cast members include: Anna Sciacotta (Celia), Brooke Teweles (Anne), Ogechi "Melissa" Iheakam (Jo), Cassandra Takas (Shia), Erica Werner (Ray), Elizabeth Ferris (Margaret) and Maggie Patchett (Audre).

Tickets are available at the McPherson Theatre Box Office at (309) 556-3232. General Admission tickets are \$10 for Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Sunday. Tickets for Friday and Saturday cost \$12. Admission for students and faculty with a school ID is \$2 for all showings. For additional information, please contact the McPherson Box Office at (309) 556-3232 or visit the School of Theatre Arts website at www.iwu.edu/theatre/season.

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