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BLOOMINGTON, Ill. – The Illinois Wesleyan University School of Theatre Arts will present two student-directed productions, *Oedipus Tex* directed by Nicky Schuenke (class of '07) and *Red Black and Ignorant*, directed by Sara Gorsky (class of '07). The shows will be presented together beginning at 8 p.m. on Wednesday, May 23 through Friday, May 25 in the E. Melba Johnson Kirkpatrick Laboratory Theatre (304 E. Graham St., Bloomington).

Oedipus Tex, written by P.D.Q. Bach, is a retelling of the ancient Greek tragedy of Oedipus as a wild, upbeat comedic operetta set in modern Texas. The darker-themed *Red Black and Ignorant* by Edward Bond explores the path a man's life might have taken had he survived a bombing that occurred prior to his birth.

Available through the McPherson Theatre box office, tickets are \$2 for general admission and \$1 for students. For more information, contact the box office at (309) 556-3232.

Cast Members for *Oedipus Tex* : Tom Duncan (Oedipus Tex), Kyle Blaire (Narrator), Maia Diaz (Billie Jo Casta), Sarah Ziebart (Madame Bo Peep), Kevin Schuering, Mike Yarnell, Elizabeth Sowatzke, Allie Beckman, Erin Moll, and Jessica Tidd (Chorus).

Cast Members for *Red Black and Ignorant* : Martin Langrall (Monster), Hannah Kramer (Mother of the Monster), Ben Jones (Young Boy), Ali Franklin (Young Girl), Chris Olmstead (Teacher), Katy Benjamin (First Woman), Lauren Summers (Wife of the Monster), Autumn Sutton (Second Woman), Peter Gray (Buyer), and Steve Gonabe (Son of the Monster).

Production Team: John Ficca and Kelly Ullom (Producers), Julie Allen and Kyle Urquhard (Stage Managers), Lauren Summers and Devin Clancy (Costume Design), Katy Benjamin (Hair and Makeup Design and Publicity), Rob Carroll and Adam Groeniger (Lighting Design), Tim Martin (Scenic Design), Mike Yarnell (Properties).



Students stage a scene in P.D.Q. Bach's *Oedipus Tex*.

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