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“Potluck Playfest” scheduled Jan. 31 at TWU

Jan. 21, 2009 - DENTON — The Texas Woman’s University Drama Program will open its spring season with a production next week, though no one is quite sure what it is.

“Potluck Playfest,” which is free and open to the public, will begin at 8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 31 in the Redbud Theater Complex, located on the northwest side of historic Hubbard Hall on TWU’s Denton campus. For reservations or more information, call the TWU Box Office at (940) 898-2020.

The production will feature four 10-minute plays written, directed and rehearsed within the 24 hours leading up to the performance. Students in their pre-assigned roles as writers, directors and actors will gather at the theater Friday night. Each actor will bring one prop and one costume for the writers to use in their plays.

The writers will work through the night, giving the directors finished scripts on Saturday morning. The casts then will rehearse until shortly before the production’s opening at 8 p.m.

TWU drama student Susan Serota of Corpus Christi is producing the playfest for her master of arts thesis.

“I wanted to do something everyone could be involved in and would be a good start to the spring semester,” she said. She also felt that the project would help prepare her to become a theater teacher.

“There’s a real sense of camaraderie (among the students),” Ms. Serota said. “Everyone has been excited about it.”

Ms. Serota will not give the writers any guidelines and, though the plays will be scripted, the nature of the production lends itself to improvisation. Some material may not be suitable for children.

The Potluck Playfest writers are Brittany Fowler of Decatur, Colleen Carroll of Irving, Nicole Alexander of Farmers Branch and Hunter Spodee of Hewitt.

Directors are Chris Taylor of Tyler, Kayla Moore of Austin and Erica Cole and Gerald Young, both of Denton.

Acting out the plays are Mallory Bryant-Gawne of Denton, Georgie Jinks of Richardson, Dan Pucul of Sherman, Tristan Decker of Fort Worth, Milani Bowman of Plano, Sherika Gaines of Texarkana, Elizabeth Lambert of Trenton, Brandianne Kramer of Haltom City, Michelle Mata of North Richland Hills, Katelyn Kocher of Duncanville, Joanna Wesson of Garland, Cassie Henderson of Howe, Lee Yercich of Globe, Ariz.; and Taylor Reed of Seattle, Wash.

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