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TWU Drama presents 'The Tempest' April 23-26

date, 2009 - DENTON — TWU Drama will close its 2008-09 season with William Shakespeare's "The Tempest" April 23-26.

Performances are scheduled at 4 p.m. Thursday, April 23; 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, April 24 and 25; and at 2 p.m. Sunday, April 26. All performances will take place in the Redbud Theater Complex, located on the northwest side of historic Hubbard Hall on TWU's Denton campus. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for students and seniors. For reservations or more information, call the TWU Box Office at (940) 898-2020, or visit www.twu.edu/soa/drama.

"The Tempest" unfolds on an island where the magician Prospero (Arturo Garcia of Gainesville) has been banished after his title of Duke of Milan was stolen from him. Prospero resides with his daughter, Miranda (Cecily Coleman of Hobbs, N.M.). The two have been stranded for 12 years and have come to rule the island.

Prospero creates a storm that crashes a ship onto the shore of the island. The ship carries the court of men from Milan, some of whom were responsible for stealing Prospero's title. Among the court is Ferdinand (Jake Thornberry of Wills Point), who is led to the fair Miranda by Ariel (Colleen Carroll of Irving), Prospero's fairy servant. Though Ferdinand and Miranda immediately fall in love, Prospero is fearful of too rapid a courtship.

On another part of the island, the remaining members of the court believe that Ferdinand has died in the storm. Prospero eventually gains control over everyone and offers his forgiveness.

Members of the court are Elizabeth Lambert of Trenton; Joanna Wesson of Garland; Hunter Spoede of Waco; Mallory Bryant-Gawne and Gerald Young, both of Denton; and Susan Serota of Corpus Christi.

Dave Trosko of Flower Mound portrays Caliban, another of Prospero's servants. A group of goddesses, shipmates and percussionists on the island is made up of Nicole

Alexander of Carrollton, Milani Bowman of Plano, Julia Buford of Richardson, Cassie Henderson of Howe, Stephanie Davis of Denton and David Gutierrez of Benevides.

TWU alumnus and visiting lecturer Dennis Sloan will direct the comedy. Brandianne Kramer of Haltom City will design the set, visiting lecturer Rhonda Gorman will design the costumes. Tristan Decker of Fort Worth serves as lighting designer, and Christopher Taylor of Tyler will design sound for the production. Gerald Young of Denton is the properties artisan, and Kim Jackson is the choreographer. Taylor Reed of Seattle, Wash., will serve as stage manager, assisted by Cassie Henderson of Howe.

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