Weber State University Telitha E. Lindquist College of Arts & Humanities Announces 2015-2016 Theatre Season

Region’s award-winning theatre program to debut new season in renovated theaters

Ogden, Utah – July 21, 2015 – The Telitha E. Lindquist College of Arts & Humanities at Weber State University (WSU) www.weber.edu/cah today announced its 2015-2016 theatre season, complete with two musicals, a classic and a Utah premiere. This year’s productions include: Smokey Joe’s Café, 9 Circles, Nice Work If You Can Get It and The Tempest.

“The goal of every theatre season is to present live performances that enrich, educate and enlighten our audiences,” said Catherine Zublin, interim dean of the Weber State University Lindquist College of Arts & Humanities. “What is particularly noteworthy about the 2015-2016 season is our award-winning directors have selected plays that have stood the test of time like Shakespeare’s, The Tempest and George and Ira Gershwin’s musical, Nice Work If You Can Get It along with timely productions like 9 Circles that confronts issues dealing with the aftermath of war. If Utah audiences want to see some of the state's best talent on stage and enjoy live theatre in our renovated venues, I would highly encourage them to purchase their tickets today,” said Zublin.

Theatre Production Details:

- **Smokey Joe’s Café** – October 9-10 and 13-17 with a matinee performance on October 17 at 2 p.m. Theatre goers will want to reserve a table at Smokey Joe’s Café where rock ‘n’ roll and rhythm and blues standards from the 50s, 60s and 70s are always on the menu! This musical will feature the music and lyrics of Jerry Leiber and Mike Stoller. Smokey Joe’s Café will be directed by Jim Christian, professor and director of musical theatre.

- **9 Circles** – November 13-14 and 17-21 with a matinee performance on November 21 at 2 p.m. Weber State University is hosting the Utah premiere of this timely production focused on actual events involving Pfc. Daniel Reeves’ who is discharged from the military and must now face the consequences of his actions during the war in Iraq. In addition, a special community panel is scheduled for Wednesday, November 19 at the conclusion of that night’s performance. 9 Circles is a play by Bill Cain and will be directed by Tracy Callahan, professor of theatre.

- **Nice Work If You Can Get It** – February 26-27 and March 1-5 with a matinee performance on March 5 at 2 p.m. This Tony Award-winning tale from America’s prohibition era features hidden identities, scrambled romances and the musical genius of George and Ira Gershwin. The production is based on the book by Joe DiPietro. This production will be directed by Christian.

- **The Tempest** - April 15-16 and 19-23 with a matinee on April 23 at 2 p.m. Dr. Jennifer A. Kokai will direct one of William Shakespeare’s classic productions. Shipwrecked at sea
during a furious storm, weary survivors wash ashore on an enchanted island where they encounter a powerful sorcerer. This production will be abridged and adapted by the director. Mystery, hidden identities, evil plots and love affairs ensue in this epic tale of freedom, friendship, repentance and forgiveness.

All of this year’s theatre productions will debut in the recently renovated Val A. Browning Center for the Performing Arts. New seating, sound and hearing assistance technology will now be available in all theaters for patrons to enjoy.

Tickets are on sale now and can be purchased at (weberstatetickets.com) or by phone at 801-626-8500. Tickets are $12 for adults and $10 for children, seniors and members of the military.

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The Weber State University Telitha E. Lindquist College of Arts & Humanities teaches students to excel as they seek, understand, question and express complexities critical to the experience of being human. The Lindquist College of Arts & Humanities offers undergraduate degree programs in the following five areas: Communication, English, Foreign Language, Performing Arts and Visual Art & Design. Master’s degrees also are offered in Communication and English. The college serves more than 2,000 undergraduate majors and 250 graduate students. The Lindquist College of Arts & Humanities is the Western region’s foremost institution for student-centered teaching and research that investigates the human experience and aims to educate global citizens who are responsible, creative and critical artists, performers and communicators. For more information please visit, (www.weber.edu/cah).

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