

"Surface Tension", play performed in swimming pool to be presented

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"Surface Tension," an unusual new play performed in a swimming pool, will be presented at 8:30 p.m. on Saturday, February 20, in the Natatorium at the University of California, San Diego.

The play uses dance, original music, visuals, floating sculpture and narrative to tell the story of an encounter between a young man and an older woman. The pool environment is transformed in the course of the play into other aquatic landscapes, including a lake, a carnival shooting gallery and an ocean boardwalk.

"Surface Tension" is being presented by NIGHTFIRE, an experimental theater company from Sausalito, California, with a national and international reputation for innovative plays. The play is currently on tour of the Western states with the sponsorship of the National Endowment for the Arts.

The play was written and designed by Laura Farabough, who also plays the role of the older woman named Dallas. John Fox stars as Northridge, the young man. The play is directed by Evie Lewis.

The basic action of the play is one of seduction, a cat-and-mouse game pitting a carnival hustler against a young lifeguard. Roles are often reversed with the erotic hunter oft-times becoming the hunted.

Dance, specially constructed props and visual effects all play an important part in "Surface Tension." Also contributing to the impact of the play is an original music score by David Doty.

Admission to the play is \$2 at the door. The Natatorium is located behind the Main Gym between the Revelle and Muir campuses.

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