

"Waiting for Godot" to be performed at UCSD; directed by UCSD student Arthur Salazar

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UCSD STUDENT DIRECTS BECKETT'S "WAITING FOR GODOT"

A term paper on Samuel Beckett's play, "Waiting for Godot," written by two University of California, San Diego students for their directing class, has developed into an actual production of the play, to be performed at 8 p.m., Feb. 6-9, in the Mandeville Center Recital Hall.

Arthur Salazar, of Chula Vista, said an A-plus he and co-author Paul Ryer received on the paper was their incentive to stage the entire production of the play. Salazar will direct the play. Ryer is co-producer and stars as Beckett's Vladimir, or "DiDi."

Salazar is a New Yorker who moved with his family to Chula Vista 15 years ago. His academic concentration at UCSD is fine arts and communications. He is currently studying advanced acting under noted actor and UCSD professor of drama, Eric Christmas. Salazar's dramatic experience includes roles in productions at the Old Globe Theatre, the Bowery Theatre and San Diego Public Theatre.

Ryer, of Chula Vista, is a UCSD sophomore, and a graduate of the School for Creative and Performing Arts, in Chula Vista. Some of his acting credits include lead roles in "Midsummer Night's Dream," and "Guys and Dolls," SCPA productions.

The balance of the "Godot" cast is a mix of UCSD students and acting students from other institutions. They are: Kevin Chanel, a junior at United States International University, who plays "Gogo." Chanel and Ryer composed the original score for the play.

Felipe Ruelas, an actor and disc jockey, is a member of the Old Globe Theatre's Teatro Meta ensemble. He plays the demon, "Pozzo".

Other actors are: Andrea Harmon, who plays "Boy," the guardian angel. She is a senior at UCSD, and is studying acting. Teresa Frantz plays the character "Lucky." She won the Pacific Film Institute of Hawaii's award of Most Promising Actress of 1985.

Tickets for the production are \$3, and may be purchased at the door.

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