

"Equus" to be presented

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Peter Shaffer's taut, psychological thriller, "Equus," will be presented on stage in the Mandeville Recital Hall at the University of California, San Diego at 8 p.m. Feb. 22 and 23.

The play will be staged by the School of Fine Arts of the University of California, Irvine. The production has been brought to UC San Diego as part of the Intercampus Drama Exchange Program.

Robert Cohen, director of the production and chairman of the drama department at UC Irvine, says "Equus" is one of the most brilliant plays of the 1970s.

"Equus is a metaphysical thriller that delivers an intense theater experience, he said. "Beginning with a single act of horrific violence, the play expands its search to the whole range of contemporary sexual and religious attitudes and the various forms of passion which link the two."

The production features William Needles in the role of Dr. Dysart. Needles is a 25-year veteran of the Canadian Shakespeare Theatre at Stratford, Ontario, and he has played more than 100 leading roles in both classical and modern repertoires. Charles Steak, an undergraduate student at UC Irvine, will play the key role of Alan Strang.

Tickets to the production cost \$4.50, general admission, and \$3.25 for students. Tickets are available at the UCSD Theatre Ticket Office, 452-4574.

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