

## **"Woyzeck" to be presented**

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Woyzeck, a tragedy by German playwright Georg Buchner, will be presented at 8 p.m. Nov. 14-16 in the John Muir Theatre at the University of California, San Diego.

The theater is located in room 2250 of the Humanities and Social Sciences Building on the Muir campus. Tickets cost 99 cents at the door.

"Woyzeck" is the story of a German soldier who is brutalized by his military superiors and the people of the village in which he lives. He finally commits a horrible crime, but his action is more than just a reflection of his own personal madness.

"The play is a haunting, fragmented play that projects us into the tortured experience of a modern Everyman: a drifter, a loner, a simple soldier who only wants a time and place of his own," said Michael Addison, professor of drama and director of the production.

Buchner, born in 1813, was a brilliant student who was forced to flee Germany because of his radical political beliefs. He settled in Switzerland, where he died of typhoid at age 23. His play, "Woyzeck," is considered to be a forerunner of German expressionist literature.

The John Muir Theatre is UC San Diego's arena for "lean" theater productions. The ensemble attempts to realize the text of the play through the actors, with minimal emphasis on scenery and costumes.

Following the UC San Diego presentation, the John Muir Theatre Ensemble will perform "Woyzeck" at UC Irvine.

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