

"Getting Out" to be performed

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"Getting Out," a play about a young woman's struggle to stay out of prison, will be performed March 10-13 in the Mandeville Center Recital Hall at the University of California, San Diego.

The play will be performed nightly at 8 p.m. In addition, there will be a 2 p.m. matinee performance on Saturday, March 13. The 8 p.m. Friday, March 12, performance will have sign interpretation for the deaf and hearing impaired.

Set in Louisville, Kentucky, the play is the story of Arlene and her first day and a half after being released from an Alabama prison. "Getting Out" was written by Marsha Norman, a former social worker and now playwright-in-residence with the Actors' Theater of Louisville, where the play was first produced in 1979.

Arlene is a woman determined to stay out of prison, but she encounters resistance from many including her mother and her junkie/pimp boyfriend. Two actresses portray Arlene, one in the present and the other in mental flashbacks.

"The two women who portray Arlene are on stage together virtually the entire time," said director Suresa Dundes, a second-year graduate student in the Professional Theatre Training Program at UC San Diego. "As things happen to Arlene in present time it activates a flashback. The scenes happen simultaneously, almost as if we are seeing a mental movie of her flashbacks."

Dundes has directed "Knots," "All My Sons" and "Trifles" at UC San Diego. Prior to enrolling in the Professional Theatre Training Program, she spent three years with the Magic Theatre of San Francisco and five years with the Almost Free Theatre of London, England.

The set designer for "Getting Out" is Stefan Greber, the costume designer is Blaze Newman and the lighting designer is Jim Sherman. Victor Zupanc, a graduate student in the music department, is arranging the musical score.

Admission to the play is \$2. For ticket information phone the UCSD Theatre Ticket Office at 452-4574.

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