

"The Crucible" directed by Eric Christmas

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Arthur Miller's dramatic play, "The Crucible," will open for 10 performances Saturday, May 1, at the University of California, San Diego. The play, under the direction of Eric Christmas, Senior Lecturer in the Department of Drama and Director of UCSD Theatre, will continue May 2, 6, 7, 8, 9, 13, 14, 15 and 16.

All performances begin at 8:00 p.m. and all will be held in Room 1330 of the Humanities and Social Sciences Building on the Muir College campus of UCSD. Admission for all students is \$1.00, and general admission is \$2.00.

Tickets are available at the door but reservations are advised. Tickets may also be purchased at the ticket window in Urey Hall lobby on the Revelle College campus or in Q317 on the Matthews Campus. Reservations may be made by calling 453-2000, extension 3491.

According to Christmas, "The Crucible" is a company play, one in which everybody involved is responsible for its success and this fact is one reason why it was chosen for the spring production at UCSD.

"It is a timely play, perhaps more so now than when it was written," Christmas said. "It depicts free man's courageous struggle to remain free and it is timely because the witch hunts are still with us today," he said.

"In this production we are trying to get away from the extreme emotionalism of the play," Christmas said. "It can become a kind of screaming match, but there are really a lot of good ideas within it. We are trying to make it a play of human beings who happen to be in this situation at this given time.

"Our students are very bright," Christmas said, "and they have the intelligence to get under the screaming to find real meaning in the work. We are striving for a fresh approach, a new production at UCSD."

Christmas said "The Crucible" has an all-student cast except for one member and most of the players have had very little drama experience. He said it is the beginning of what he hopes to do in the future at UCSD when participation in such productions will be open to all comers - students, staff and faculty.

A list of characters and cast members is attached.

T H E C R U C I B L E

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REVEREND PARRIS - Steve Nogarr

BETTY PARRIS - Ginny Frink

TITUBA - Beverly Masterson

ABIGAIL WILLIAMS - Trippy Zelt

SUSANNA WALCOTT - Debbie Pinto

ANN PUTNAM - Kathy Callaghan

MERCY LEWIS - Bonita Yoder

MARY WARREN - Hallie Sureda

JOHN PROCTOR - Brian Frink

REBECCA NURSE - Kim Alexander

GILES COREY - Simeon Greenstein

JOHN HALE - David Garcia

ELIZABETH PROCTOR - Windy Williams

FRANCIS NURSE - Jaime Salazar

EZEKIEL CHEEVER - Jay Naliboff

MARSHAL HERRICK - Steve Kamelgarn

JUDGE HATHORNE - John Greenleaf

DANFORTH - Tom McCorry

SARAH GOOD - Dotty Paine

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