

**HIGHLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

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HCC Theatre Department Presents Arsenic and Old Lace

FREEPORT— The Highland Community College Theatre Department will present one of America's best-loved classic comedies "Arsenic and Old Lace" at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 31st, Friday, April 1st and Saturday, April 2nd. These performances, directed by Elwyn Webb, will be held in the Highland Community College Ferguson Fine Arts Theatre, located in the Fine Arts Center.

Arsenic and Old Lace is the story of the eccentric Brewster family of Brooklyn, N.Y. In addition to the scheming old women who poison their victims with elderberry wine, the family includes Teddy, who suffers delusions that he is Theodore Roosevelt and that the Panama Canal runs through the cellar of his home. The locks he digs become convenient graves for the lonely men who fall victims to Aunt Martha and Aunt Abby's machinations.

When their nephew Mortimer discovers a body under the window seat of his aunts' home, however, the elderly women 'fess up to their deeds matter-of-factly and the events of the play become more absurd right up to a surprise ending!

The cast:

Christian Armstrong, Byron IL
Steven DeMeester, Freeport IL
Andrew Dorsey, Freeport IL
Ryan Ekvall, Freeport IL
Bekka Foust, Shannon IL
David Gors, Forreston IL
Amy Harrison, Forreston IL
Halie Hughes, Mt. Morris IL
Jacqueline Lipford, Freeport IL
Holly McIntyre, Stockton IL
Brandon Miller, Freeport IL
Greg Tessoroff, Kent IL
Dave Vrtol, Freeport IL
Paige Wilson, Freeport IL

Tickets are on sale now and may be reserved by calling the Box Office at 815.235.6127 on Monday through Friday afternoons 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. or online at www.highland.edu. Tickets are \$9 for adults, \$8 for seniors, \$6 for students. For more information about the production, contact Elwyn Webb at 815.599.3558.

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