

Production of comedy farce ‘Play On!’ opens Feb. 17

BAYTOWN, TX — An energetic cast of students and talented special guests will perform in the Lee College Theatre production of the lighthearted comedic farce “Play On!,” set to premiere this Friday, Feb. 17, at the Performing Arts Center (PAC) on campus.

“Play On!” will begin at 7:30 p.m., in the PAC Black Box Theatre. Additional performances will be held at 7:30 p.m., nightly on Feb. 18, 24 and 25. Tickets for all four shows are available for purchase online at www.lee.edu/pac, or by calling the Box Office at 281.425.6255.

Written by Rick Abbot, “Play On!” begins as the local community theatre rehearses for their production of a new murder mystery called “Murder Most Foul.” The anxious cast members, backstage support and director Gerry feel under siege from the meddling amateur playwright, who agreed to let the company perform the show for no charge. Gerry thought producing the play would be a good idea but had no inkling of the disasters that awaited her – namely, an overwhelmingly sloppy and slapdash murder mystery with no real murder in the plot, a disgruntled cast and a playwright who deletes the entire sound effect board and keeps changing the story and script just two days before its premiere. All of these calamities come to fruition in Act III, when the company performs the actual show with hilarious mishaps and missteps at every turn.

Directed by guest artist Marc Anthony Glover with the production guidance of Lee College theater instructor Kim Martin, the “Play On!” cast includes students Samantha Duran, Abigail Vernier, Alexis Grusecki and Beth Powell. Alumnus Triston Haq also appears, along with special guests Susan Walker, Josh Figueroa, Bryan Rivera and Bailey Smith. Alex Musgrove will make her first local appearance in the show since returning to Baytown from New York City.

Chad Arrington and Alyssa Torres will be stage managers for the production, with Amy Miller Martin and Blaine Glover-Garcia serving as assistant directors. Rounding out the technical crew are Logan Romero, Gilbert Perez, Aria Giacona, Sonia Valdovinos, Josh Gonzales, Alyssa Carter and John Arrington.

The final Lee College Theatre production of the 2016-17 season will be William Shakespeare’s “A Midsummer Night’s Dream,” which will debut at the PAC in late April. Open auditions for the play will be held Monday and Tuesday, Feb. 27-28.