Lee welcomes 'Animal Farm' to Black Box

The Lee College Players will present 'George Orwell's Animal Farm' in the Black Box theater of the Lee College Performing Arts Center for two weekends, opening Friday.

Performances will be Nov. 2-3 and 9-11, with Friday and Saturday shows at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday matinee at 2:30 p.m.

The stage play is adapted by Ian Wooldrige from the novel by George Orwell. (Wikipedia article about the book)

Orwell's satire on the perils of Stalinism has proved magnificently long-lived as a parable about totalitarianism anywhere and has given the world at least one immortal phrase: "Some are more equal than others."

The animals on Manor Farm drive out their master and take over and run the farm for themselves. The experiment is successful, except that someone has to take the deposed farmer's place. Leadership devolves upon the pigs, which are cleverer than the rest of the animals. Unfortunately, their character is not equal to their intelligence. This dramatization remains faithful to the book's plot and intent, and it retains both its affection for the animals and the incisiveness of its message.

General admission tickets are \$15. Lee College students, faculty and staff can get tickets for \$8. Tickets may be purchased online at www.lee.edu/pac.

Some material in the play may be too graphic for young viewers.