RCC theater students to perform Brecht play

“The Good Person of Szechuan” will be presented May 12-14 by the Rogue Community College Theater Arts program at Riverside Campus.

The play, which explores goodness in a cruel world, was written by Bertolt Brecht and is translated from the original German by Oregon Shakespeare Festival’s Douglas Langworthy. The production will be staged in the round in H Building, 116 S. Bartlett St., Medford.

The presentation features 24 RCC actors along with two Southern Oregon University student musicologists, according to John Cole, director and RCC Theater Arts instructor.

“In true Brechtian style, we’re mixing an East Coast gangster vernacular with exotically delicate songs, and stirring in the evocative masks of Joshua and Shallon Heuertz,” Cole said. “It all combines to tell a timeless Chinese-styled parable about a dear sweet woman striving to be good in a cruel world. This play mines myriad moving moments to celebrate innocence amid avarice.”

Friday and Saturday performances will be held at 8 p.m. Sunday shows are set for 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Tickets are $6 and are available at the door or by calling 245-7520.

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