RCC Theater Arts presents “Visiting Mr. Green”

GRANTS PASS — The award-winning play “Visiting Mr. Green” will be produced by Rogue Community College in February.

Performances are set for 7 p.m. Feb. 17-18 and 24-25 with a 2 p.m. matinee Feb. 26, in the Rogue Auditorium on the RCC Redwood Campus, 3345 Redwood Hwy. Tickets are $10 general admission, $5 for students, and $8 for seniors. Tickets will be available at the door and at www.boxofficetickets.com.

Set, costumes, lighting and sound will be designed and implemented by RCC students interested in technical theater production, according to Wayd Drake, RCC Humanities instructor. He is helping produce the play along with students in the RCC Drama Club.

“My overarching goal is to build our theater arts department into a legitimate technical theater program of study,” Drake noted.

The cast features Burt Eikelberry (“Annie Get Your Gun,” “The Laramie Project,” “The Fantasticks,” and “Inherit the Wind”) as Mr. Green and Bruce Allen (“Look Homeward Angel,” “Annie Get Your Gun,” and “Seussical”) as Ross Gardiner.

Michelle Kyle will direct the play. Her directorial credits include “Prelude to a Kiss,” “John and Jen,” and “Working.”

Written by Jeff Baron, the play tells the story of Mr. Green, an elderly retired dry cleaner who wanders into New York traffic and is almost hit by a car driven by Ross Gardiner, a 29-year-old corporate executive. Sentenced to perform community service, the young man is required to assist the recent widower once a week for six months. What starts as a comedy about two men who do not want to be in the same room together becomes a gripping and moving drama as they get to know one another, come to care about each other, and open old wounds they’ve been hiding and nursing for years.

Translated into 22 languages with over 200 productions worldwide, “Visiting Mr. Green has won numerous best play and best actor awards.

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