

# Lon Morris College Presents Old Lace

On November 1, 2 and 3, at 7:30 p.m., and on November 3 at 2:30 p.m. the Theater Program at Jacksonville College will present the classic Arsenic and Old Lace by Joseph Kesselring. The show, which was made into a very popular movie in the 1940s starring Carey Grant, is a favorite for both community and educational theater. The story is about two charming and innocent older ladies who bury the remains of lonely old men in their cellar with the help of their brother who thinks he is Teddy Roosevelt. Other characters include their nephew Mortimer, a theater critic who hates the theater, and his brother Jonathan, whose plastic surgeon has turned him into a Boris Karloff [Frankenstein] look-a-like.

The production is directed by Evelyn James. Stage manager is theater major Amy Sherman from Rusk. Assistant Stage Manager is Anna Sweet. The set is being setup by theater major Cynda House from Kemp. Properties mistress is theater major Anna Marie Jones from Sulphur Springs. Sound designer is Jamie Newburn and lighting designer is Crystal Sandoval. Make-up and hair

is being designed by theater students Amy Murcheson and Heather Storen. Graphic design for the production will be done by theater student Jarin Martin and theater major Justin Taylor from Big Sandy. House Manager is Krystal Simmons. Other students involved in technical support for the production are Brady Bolton, Augustin Yamiley Charlottin, Stephen Hanna, Starla Mathis, and the Theater Appreciation class.

Characters in Arsenic and Old Lace are Christian Lawrence as Mortimer Brewster, Heather Storen as Martha Brewster, Andrea Carter as Abbey Brewster, Anna Marie Jones as Elaine Harper, Mark Stephens as Teddy 'Theodore Roosevelt' Brewster, Stephen Hanna as Jonathan "Boris Karloff" Brewster, and Sean Maylum as Dr. Einstein. Also appearing are Marvin Robison as Dr. Harper and Lt. Rooney, Justin Taylor as Officer Brophy, Andrew Haverty as Mr. Gibbs and Mr. Witherspoon, and Joshua Hill as Officer O'Hara. This production of Arsenic and Old Lace is being entered as an associate production in the Kennedy Center American College Theater Festival (KCACTF). It is possible that two

of our actors will receive a nomination for an Irene Ryan scholarship. Additionally, Amy Sherman will enter her work as stage manager and Christian Lawrence will enter his work in design in the regional KCACTF competition which will be held at Sam Houston State University in February 2008. Come join us for an hilarious production as Mortimer tries to untangle the difficulties created by his very sweet but rather loony aunts and his exceedingly vicious brother. Tickets are \$5.00 for adults in advance \$6.00 at the door, and \$3.00 for students in advance \$4.00 at the door. Tickets can be purchased from the book store or business office at the school or from Marie's Christian Book Store. Call Mary Lewis at (903)589-7132 or email [mlewis@jacksonville-college.edu](mailto:mlewis@jacksonville-college.edu) for information about the production. Group ticket prices are available.

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