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Annual short plays open April 29

Sacramento State’s annual production of student-produced One Acts is just around the corner.

The three one-act productions – produced, designed, directed and in some cases written by students – open Tuesday, April 29, and run through Saturday, May 10, at the Studio Theater, located inside the amphitheater between the Library Quad and Capistrano Hall. Tickets are $5 at the door.

Secret Origin, written and directed by Jake Brooks, is a 45-minute drama about writing, traumatic memories and comic books. It stars Brody Jack Jennings as Shane, Aldrinne Merluza as Matt, Johanna C. Pugh as Amanda and Rachel Grace Mogan as Juliana, and also features an unidentified superhero.

Edward Albee’s at Home at the Zoo, directed by Jenna Marie Cedusky, is a modern classic that occurs in real time as Jerry, a social outcast, and Peter, a successful publisher, meet on a bench at Central Park. Their 45-minute interaction, both comedic and suspenseful, culminates in a shocking twist of events that neither man will forget. It stars Steven Amaral as Jerry and Ignacio Lopez as Peter.

It’s All Right is composed of three short plays: “The Right to Remain,” written by Melanie Marnich; “All About Al” by Cherie Vogelstein; and “It’s Only a Minute a Guy” by John Franceschini. All are directed by Danelle Aros and Craig Sanders. Together, these three vignettes cover the conflicts and struggles of everyday relationships. The play features Onell Berrios as Josh, Leonard and Dates; Ashlyn Herrian as Amy, Al and Betty; and Matthew Rogers as Peter, Gil and Henry.

Secret Origin and Edward Albee’s at Home at the Zoo play together the first week: 6 p.m. Tuesday, April 29; 8 p.m. Wednesday, April 30; 6 p.m. Thursday, May 1; 6 p.m. Friday, May 2; and 2 and 6 p.m. Saturday, May 3.

It’s All Right plays the second week: 6 p.m. Tuesday, May 6; 8 p.m. Wednesday, May 7; 6 p.m. Thursday, May 8; 6 p.m. Friday, May 9; and 2 and 6 p.m. Saturday, May 10.
For more information, visit http://on.fb.me/1hr6dyw or call (916) 802-1569. For media assistance, call Sacramento State’s Public Affairs office at (916) 278-6156. – Craig Koscho

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