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GUERIN PREP THEATRE PRESENTS “DARK OF THE MOON”

An epic, supernatural love story will be told when the theatre department of Guerin College Preparatory High School presents “Dark of the Moon” written by Howard Richardson and William Berney.

Performances are Friday and Saturday, Nov. 12 and 13 at 7 p.m. both nights in the Guerin Prep Auditorium.

Based on the haunting ballad of “Barbara Allen,” this story is about John, a witch boy, falling in love with a mortal, Barbara Allen.

This play takes the audience on a journey full of fantasy, magic, and suspense while John finds a way to woo and marry Barbara. But first, the magical people that live in the mountains need to turn John into a human.

Many things get in the way of their love, including the birth of their witch baby. The townspeople catch on and are out to destroy John, which leads to a tragic conclusion.

With a twist on this classic work, Richardson and Berney show how a religious revival can destroy the relationship of two people in love.

“This play is quite relevant to today because it really captures what people are capable of in the name of the religion. It shows how controversy can lead to tragedy,” explained Kristen Mackie, director of the performance and Guerin Prep’s theatre teacher.

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John, the strange witch boy is played by senior Anthony Norman, while junior Jenna Zacharias, plays the beloved Barbara Allen. Norman is from Chicago and Zacharias, Elmwood Park.

Senior Ryan Donnelly of River Grove, plays Conjur Man, a magical being that lives in the mountains. His wife, Conjur Woman, is played by Vicky Giannini, who is responsible for turning John human. Giannini is from Chicago. Both of these students play the sub roles of Mr. and Mrs. Allen, Barbara's parents.

Sophomore Jessie Roman plays the Dark Witch and Sophomore Shannon Manzella plays the Fair Witch, who are John's companions. Both students are from Chicago.

Junior Jayson Acevedo is Marvin Hudgens, John's nemesis who is in love with Barbara. Sophomore Kelsey Fortier plays Edna Summey, a local girl and Barbara's social nemesis. Both students are from Chicago.

The following students play a major role in addition to taking on various subroles.

Senior cast members include Anthony Huspen of Norridge as Preacher Haggler, the town's authority; Bryan Worman of Chicago as Uncle Smelicue, the old town authority; and Branden Castro of Schiller Park as Mr. Summey, Edna's father and the General Store owner.

Sophomore cast members include Ronald Johnson as Floyd Allen, Suzanna Deneen as Miss Metcalf, Kyle Schwaba as Mr. Bergen, Eric Mizhquiri as Burt Dinwitty, and Rhys Taylor as Greeny Gorman, all of Chicago. Angel Centeno plays Hank Gudger, Gina Lindmann as Ella Bergen, and Nicolas Liuzzo as Mr. Atkins, all of Elmwood Park.

Freshmen include Chicago residents Marissa Napolitano as Mrs. Summey, Mariana Ryna as Mrs. Bergen, and Biago Greco as Mr. Jenkins. Also, Freshman Jocelyne Robles of Melrose Park plays Hattie Heffner.

The crew is headed by Junior Vanessa Negron of Chicago as stage manager. Senior Conrad Aurita-Piatkowski also from Chicago is the assistant stage manager. They are assisted by Kaitlyn Adrian, Bianca Black, Emma Brkic, Mackenzie Clark, Nick Cledon, John Dabe, Melanie Gorny, Andy Hayes, Vincent Kaehler, Eduardo Linares, Amanda Middleton, Oksana Petty, Janice Saranilla, Amy Schieber and Rita Zapata, all of Chicago.

Other members of the crew include: Asalah Boulos, James Cogley, Danielle DiBari, and Lindsay Pitts of Elmood Park, Peter Bilik and Steven Schmidt of River Grove, Cody Niesen of Harwood Heights, and Destiny Villalon of Melrose Park.

Tickets are \$8. Guerin Prep is located at 8001 W. Belmont Ave. in River Grove. For more information, call 708-453-6233, ext. 4762.

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