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Staff Report

Drama student group present 'Winter Shorts 2015' this weekend

The University of Alaska Fairbanks Student Drama Association is presenting its winter program, the aptly titled "Winter Shorts 2015," for three performances only this weekend. "Winter Shorts" is a student-produced theatrical event, presented annually by the UAF Student Drama Association. This year's shorts consists of three distinct segments: "Antigone," "Devised," and Ground Squirrel Improv.

"Antigone," by Sophocles, is a classic tragedy set in the aftermath of a civil war in the Greek city state of Thebes. It details the consequences arising from Antigone's choice to defy an edict from the new king Creon banning any memorial for Polyneices, one of the two royal brothers who were both slain in the war. The production is directed by UAF senior theatre major Carl Sage, who also serves as the designer of all the show's technical aspects (scenery, lighting and costumes). With the assistance of a production grant from the University of Alaska Fairbanks office of Undergraduate Research and Scholarly Activity (URSA), "Antigone" is meant to serve as a capstone for Sage's undergraduate

theatrical education. The production's ensemblebased cast features Elsbeth Cheyne as Antigone, Mary Conlin as Chorus B, Roxy Lane as Teiresias/Messenger, Tristan Matson as Guard/Haemon, Emily Ross as Chorus A, Andrew Vey as Creon, and Justine Webb as Ismene/Eurydice.

"Devised" is a collaboratively created theatrical piece, created and choreographed by performers Cynthia Jones, Katrina Kuharich and Sierra Trinchet. Using music and motion, "Devised" explores the themes of growth and self-discovery.

Ground Squirrel Improv is a locally-based improvisational comedy troupe. Troupe members Elsbeth Cheyne, Skyler Evans, Brian Worster, Andrew Vey and Eugene Cole draw on audience input to create spur of the moment comedy.

"Winter Shorts 2015" will be presented in the Lee H. Salisbury Lab Theatre in the Fine Arts Complex on the UAF Campus. Seating is limited. Performances are 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday. Tickets are \$5, available at the door. For more information, visit the UAF Theatre and Film Department website at www.uaf.edu/theatrefilm.