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Included below is a press release regarding a production of “Tartuffe” by Ferris State University’s Theatre department. Further information is available by contacting Leah Nixon, assistant director of News Services.

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Ferris Theatre presents Moliere’s ‘Tartuffe’

BIG RAPIDS – Ferris Theatre is presenting Moliere’s biting comedy “Tartuffe” Jan. 31 through Feb. 3 in G. Mennen Williams Auditorium. This event is one of more than 70 activities highlighting the Festival of the Arts, a monthlong celebration of arts in Big Rapids.

A controversial play during its time, “Tartuffe” was banned from public performance for a number of years for its focus on religious hypocrisy – in which the play’s lead character is a charlatan who claims moral authority but does not practice what he preaches.

The play is set in the realm of seventeenth-century Parisian high society during the reign of King Louis XIV with Orgon, a wealthy family man, taking in a stranger by the name of Tartuffe. Tartuffe appears to be an extremely pious and devout man of religion, and Orgon regards him highly.

Failing to see Tartuffe for what he was, a con man only pretending to be of the highest moral authority, Orgon learns too late that he has been betrayed.

The lead role of Tartuffe is played by Cameron Anderson, a sophomore in the Television and Digital Media Production program. “Playing a villainous mastermind is a great deal of fun,” Anderson said.

Also appearing in the production is Ferris Theatre veteran and Applied Math major Joe Vance playing the role of Orgon. The play is directed by associate professor Katherine LaPietra, the set is designed by senior Digital Animation and Game Design major Joe Young and the lighting is designed by Theatre faculty member Trinity Williams.

Tickets are available at the Williams Auditorium Ticket Office, 901 S. State St., online at www.ferris.edu/arts/tickets.html or by calling (231) 591-5600. Tickets are \$4 for students, \$6 for senior citizens and \$8 for adults. All seats are reserved. People needing accommodation to attend this event may call (231) 591-3676 for assistance.



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