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Ferris Theatre to present ‘School for Scandal’

BIG RAPIDS – Ferris State University’s Ferris Theatre will present “School for Scandal,” a comedy by Richard Brinsley Sheridan, on Thursday through Saturday, Jan. 27-29, at 8 p.m. and Sunday, Jan. 30, at 2:30 p.m. in Williams Auditorium.

The play originally opened at the Drury Lane Theatre in London in 1777 as an enormous success. Reviews heralded it as a “real comedy” that would supplant the sentimental dramas that had filled the stage in the previous years. It remains a standard for comedies of manner and is considered Sheridan’s defining work.

His play takes audiences on a journey through London society at the time. Sir Peter Teazle has taken himself a young wife. But when it’s rumored that Lady Teazle may be involved in an indiscretion with the handsome young gentleman, Joseph Surface, the gossips are off and running.

Acting as the social barometers of London, Lady Sneerwell, Mrs. Candour, Crabtree and Sir Benjamin Backbite hiss and spit their way through the play, taking aim at unsuspecting targets and hitting their marks every time.

Tickets for the production are \$8 for adults and \$4 for students and seniors, and may be purchased at the Williams Auditorium box office or by calling 591-5600.

The Ferris Theatre closes its 2004-05 season with “The Diviners” on April 14-17.