

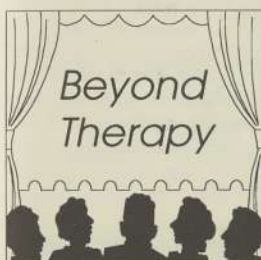
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Beyond Therapy CCC's newest drama production



**Come support
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time doing it.**

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Audience members of Clackamas Community College's production of Christopher Durang's play "Beyond Therapy" will find it less than therapeutic and more than a little funny.

"You meet someone, sometimes they really are terrific, other times they're just awful but nonetheless you find yourself attracted to them anyway, knowing you're an utter fool and will be sorry later on," Durang theorizes about relationship in his play, "Laughing Wild."

Beyond Therapy, directed by Clackamas Dramatic Arts Instructor David Smith-English, is a humorous look at relationships and

sex roles in the 90's.

"This is the first Christopher Durang play I have directed. It's (Beyond Therapy) a comedy that Durang uses to explore the attitudes of society he finds silly," said Smith English.

The events of the play surround two major characters, Bruce and Prudence, played by Clackamas students Travis Nodurft and Danielle Turley. Both are trying to recover and move ahead from their disastrous romantic lives through meeting new people and seeing therapists. Bruce is a bisexual trying to jump back into heterosexual by placing personal ads in newspapers. Through the papers he meets Prudence, a magazine writer who's determined to find a permanent relationship following the breakup of her last one.

Bruce and Prudence have a trail of emotion relationships they would like to forget about.

Bruce has Bob (played by Jim Miller), a male roommate and lover who's keen on keeping their relationship even through suicide if he has too. Prudence is trying to seek therapy on her new relationship with Bob. Only problem is that she is sleeping with her therapist, Stuart (played by Larry VanZandt).

The Clackamas cast of Beyond Therapy does a great job of bringing to life this witty and irony-laced comedy. Nodurft and Turley do a great job of making their characters believable, as does everybody in the cast. Every character in the play from Bob to the waiter Andrew (played by John Renner) has his/her own special dialogue and emotional tendencies.

"The message of this play is that this is an imperfect world. So any relationship you have is going to imperfect as well," said

Beyond Therapy

Show times:

**8 p.m. Nov. 21, 22,
23, Dec. 6, 7 and
2:30 p.m. Dec. 8.**

Nodurft.

Beyond Therapy opens Nov. 21 at 8 p.m. in the McLoughlin Theatre. Shows will be held Nov. 22 and 23 as well as Dec. 6 and 7, all at 8 p.m.. There will also be a special matinee performance Dec. 8 at 2:30 p.m. Tickets are \$6 general admission and \$3 for students. Seniors over 65 get in free.

For reservations please contact the Clackamas Theater Department at (503)657-6958, ext. 2356.

Below: two members of the play Beyond Therapy prepare for a dress rehearsal last week. The play is directed by CCC Drama Instructor David Smith-English.



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