

# Arts & ENTERTAINMENT

## Mid-Life Crisis Brings Laughs on Stage

Present Laughter, an audacious comedy dealing with a man's complicated mid-life crisis, opens this week in the Mago Hunt Theater on the University of Portland campus, 5000 N. Willamette Blvd.

Perhaps Noel Coward's most autobiographical play, Present Laughter has been revived frequently both in New York and London.

Garry Essendine, a popular and pampered actor, is busily making preparations for an extended overseas tour to Africa with devoted secretary, Monica. However, Garry, battling a midlife crisis, finds his plans are complicated first by Daphne, a beautiful stage-struck ingénue, then by a fatuously ardent aspiring playwright, Roland Maule. With the addition of a good friend's seductive



Danielle Larson (from left) Connor Bond, and Maddie Eberhard star in Present Laughter, a comedy dealing with a man's mid-life crisis, opening Thursday at the University of Portland's Mago Hunt Theater.

wife, Joanne, the classic Coward vamp, Garry's life becomes more complicated than even he would wish. Only his devoted wife, Liz, can help rescue him from himself and others.

Performances are Thursday, Oct. 7 through Sunday, Oct. 10 and again

next weekend, Thursday, Oct. 13 through Sunday, Oct. 15. All shows are at 7:30 p.m., except for the Sunday performance, which is at 2 p.m. Admission is \$10 for adults and \$5 for students and seniors. For reservations, call 503-943-7287.

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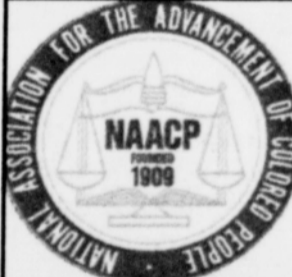
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