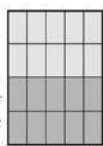
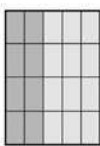


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Jaiden Wirth and Tristan Avery in a scene from Portland Community College's 'The Arabian Nights.'

## The Arabian Nights

Portland Community College opens "The Arabian Nights" this week at the Sylvania Campus Performing Arts Center, 12000 S.W. 49th Ave.

Based on Mary Zimmerman's

adaptation, the play is a tale of King Shahryar, who slays his wife after finding her with another man. He vows to marry a virgin every night and murder her the following morning, so he never feels the same heartbreak again. The killing comes to a halt when he meets Scheherazade, who keeps Shahryar from sending her to death every morning with compelling stories that spare her life.

Patrick Tangredi, director of the play and the PCC Theatre Arts Program, said performing a play that delves into the cul-

tures of the Middle East unites rather than divides us and has messages that we can all relate to.

The 14-person cast of "The Arabian Nights" will be composed entirely of students from the Theatre Arts Program and includes award-winning set and costume designers from the local community.

Show times are March 4-5 at 7 p.m.; March 10 at 11 a.m.; March 11-12 at 7 p.m. and March 13 at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$10 and \$8 for students, veterans and seniors. Visit [pcc.edu/theatre](http://pcc.edu/theatre).

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