

Community News

Siuslaw Thespians play ‘39 Steps’ Nov. 19-21

Siuslaw High School’s Siuslaw Thespians will be performing the play “The 39 Steps” on Thursday, Nov. 19, through Saturday, Nov. 21, at the Theater in the Commons at Siuslaw Middle School.

The curtain rises at 7 p.m. for each performance.

Tickets are \$5 and can be bought at the door.

“The 39 Steps,” written by John Buchan, was a 1935 Alfred Hitchcock film noir suspense thriller.

It has been adapted for the stage by Patrick Barlow and won Tony Awards in 2007.

This play is not only a spoof of Hitchcockian film noir with nods towards “North By Northwest” and “Rear Window,” but it has also been called an homage to Hitchcock.

Originally written for four actors to play over 200 roles, this production highlights comedic timing and “hammy” actors.

“We have over a dozen students playing the many roles, most notably sophomore Cameron Utz, who plays eight roles,

sophomores Malory Varas, Taryn Larson and Emy Bloomfield, freshmen Kyle Hight and Sequoya Bernard and junior Ayla Foreman, who all have multiple roles,” said theater instructor Eddie Mielke.

Junior Mark Rogers and sophomore Tristin Reber play the leads Richard Hannay and Pamela Edwards.

Other cast members include sophomore Anthony Perez, freshman Chloe Rogers and seniors Alex Bloomfield and Catrina Dias.

“This has been a great experience for Siuslaw Thespians and the after school Twilight Program, because we are producing this play with student power,” Mielke said. “I chose this play because I saw an opportunity to include so many more students, not only on stage, but in every aspect of the theater.”

Rogers and Larson provide the backbone of this type of production by playing stage manager and props master, respectively.

Along with their team of stagehands, they are responsi-



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The Siuslaw Thespians, drama students at Siuslaw High School, are preparing to open curtains on “The 39 Steps,” a Hitchcock-styled spoof thriller.

ble for the pace of the show. Katlin Meskimen is the assistant director and lights will be run by senior Andrew Scott. Brilee Sewall will be running the complex sound system.



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