

SPRINGFIELD

STCC plays shine light on intolerance

The Springfield Technical Community College theater workshop will bring two plays to the stage in December, including one about coming out... as a left-hander.

The plays, which will be performed back-to-back, are "Some Prepared Remarks," a one-man show written by Jason Gray Platt that covers a man's life in seven short speeches, and the satire "Removing the Glove."

Theater professor Phil O'Donoghue describes "Removing the Glove" as a comedy that shines a light on intolerance faced by teenagers in high school.

Written by Clarence Coo, the play is about a teen who wonders how he can reveal the secret he's been hiding from his family and friends — that he is left-handed.

STCC professor Eric Brown,

an advisor to the college's GLBTA (gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgendered alliance) club, said theater-goers will enjoy the thought-provoking play.

"The STCC GLBTA Club enthusiastically invites everyone to attend the theater production of 'Removing the Glove,' which reinforces the need to remove stigmas from our vocabulary and replace labels with acceptance and love," Brown said. "We are confident that the audience will leave the theater filled with renewed energy and hope. At the Dec. 6 performance, there will be the added bonus of a panel discussion involving the GLBTA community. No one will be disappointed."

Performance times are:

Dec. 6, 11 a.m.: The STCC GLBTA Club will host a panel



Students will perform "Removing the Glove," one of two plays the STCC theater workshop will bring to the stage, next month.

discussion following the show;

Dec. 7, 7 p.m.: Theater-goers can pay to see the plays or, for an additional charge, come early to enjoy a pre-performance meal on the 7th floor of Scibelli Hall at 6 p.m.

Dec. 8, 7 p.m.: This performance is a benefit for the Enlaces House of Colors, Holyoke's first and only LGBTQ health and resource center, designed by and for youth who identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender or queer. The resource center is run by the nonprofit family resource organization Enlace de Familias of Holyoke.

Tickets can be purchased at the door. Prices are \$8 for general admission and \$5 for students.

The cost of the special "dinner and show" package for the Dec. 7 evening performance is \$30 for general admission or \$25 for students. Those not interested in the meal can pay the regular ticket price to see the plays.

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