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Stetson Theatre Arts Presents Award-Winning Drama ‘Circle Mirror Transformation’

DELAND, Florida, Dec. 14, 2018 – [Stetson University](#) stages a student-directed production of the Obie Award-winning play “Circle Mirror Transformation” by playwright Annie Baker. The production is directed by [Stetson Theatre Arts](#) major Dakota Stitsinger. The production takes place Jan. 17-21 at Stetson’s Second Stage Theatre, located at the [Museum of Art – DeLand](#).

Set in Shirley, a made up town in Vermont, this play centers on a six-week community acting workshop, where four students and a teacher — all with various levels of acting experience — take a dive into the world of theater. Through performing various acting exercises, the characters learn what it really means to be an actor and how there is more to acting than people may originally think. They also learn more about the people around them — their histories, struggles and talents. Relationships of all kinds will form and break as everyone learns to expose themselves in the way only actors can.

Stitsinger is directing “Circle Mirror Transformation” for her senior project and wants the audience to experience the theatrical process in action.

“Circle Mirror Transformation” is a play about the theater process,” said Stitsinger. “Generally, people look at theater and see the final picture, but this show is everything that happens before the final point. This play also speaks to the fact that everyone involved with theater knows — the people you work with become your family. They see you laugh, cry, and sometimes, they are the reason you laugh or cry. I hope parents of theater students will get a glimpse into what actually happens during all of those hours spent at rehearsals and start to understand why we keep returning to the stage. And who knows? Maybe other students will take an interest in theater, knowing that our best memories come from the moments before the curtain opens.”

Cast: Rae Nobles (Marty), Elijah McCoy (James), Drake Cunningham (Schultz), Reed Wilson (Teresa) and Rachel Harrison (Lauren)

Where: Second Stage Theatre at the Museum of Art – DeLand, 600 N. Woodland Blvd., DeLand (adjacent to the DeLand campus)

When: 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday and Monday, 6 p.m. Sunday through Jan. 21

Admission: Free (donations will be accepted)

Parking: Free

Box office, reservations and more information: 386-822-8700

General admission tickets will be available at the door before the performance. The box office will be open one hour prior to curtain.

About Stetson University

Founded in 1883, [Stetson University](#) is the oldest private university in Central Florida. Stetson focuses on intense learning experiences in a supportive community that allows students to develop their voice in a connected, inclusive environment. Stetson University ranks No. 5 on U.S. News & World Report's 2019 list of Best Regional Universities (South), and has been recognized as one of The Princeton Review's 384 Best Colleges, 2019 edition. [Stay connected](#) with Stetson on social media.

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