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GSU Theatre & Performance Program Presents "A Man For All Seasons"

STATESBORO, Ga. – April 1, 2009 – Georgia Southern University's Theatre & Performance Program will be presenting "A Man For All Seasons," beginning April 17 and running through April 25 in the Black Box Theatre located in the new Center for Art & Theatre.

The cast will perform every evening from Friday, April 17 until Saturday, April 25 with performances at 7:30 p.m., a Sunday matinee performance on April 19 at 2:00 p.m., and no performance on Monday, April 20.

Tickets can be purchased at the Center's box office (call 912-478-5379 for reservations). Tickets are \$5 for students, \$10 for faculty and staff, and \$15 for general admission.

Robert Bolt wrote "A Man For All Seasons" in 1954 based on the life of Sir Thomas More, who was Chancellor of England under King Henry VIII in the 16th century.

King Henry VIII wanted to divorce his wife, Catherine of Aragon, because she could not bear him a son to take over the throne. The controversy begins when More refused to support the king's wish to divorce Catherine and marry Anne Boleyn, Catherine's sister.

"More remains true to his own beliefs in the end and is the ultimate man of conscience. It is a wonderfully compelling story that resonates with the events of today's world," said Lisa Abbott, Associate Professor of Theatre at Georgia Southern University.

More is portrayed as a man that values the law and believes that no citizen is above it. Even with the support of his family and the general public, he experiences tussles with the king and his peers.

Jim Harbour, Director of both the production and the Theatre at GSU, and his Co-Director, Vince Nicholson, senior Theatre major at GSU, have put their own creative spins on Bolt's piece.

"More was the only person that wasn't scared to say that the King was wrong. Standing up for what you believe is something that should be commended. It's about people trying to bring down *a man for all seasons*, a good man, for no reason other than simply because the king said so," Nicholson said.

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