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Baldwin Players to Perform ‘The Odd Couple’ November 6-8

TIFTON—Neil Simon’s female version of “The Odd Couple” will be live on stage from the Baldwin Players at Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College on Nov. 6-8 at 7 p.m. in Howard Auditorium. Tickets are $7 for the general public and are available at www.purplepass.com/abac or by calling (229) 391-4895. The tickets are available at no charge to ABAC students, faculty, and staff.

Dr. Brian Ray, director for the theatre troupe, said this hilarious classic comedy celebrates the friendship and inevitable conflicts between two opposite personalities thrust into being mismatched roommates by circumstances. Simon’s original story of two men, Oscar Madison and Felix Unger, was adapted by Simon himself into a story of two women, Olive Madison and Florence Unger.

The 1985 revision was based on the same story line and same lead characters. The poker game became Trivial Pursuit with the male leads’ friends becoming the girlfriends, Mickey, Sylvie, Vera, and Renee. The Pigeon sisters from the male production became the Costazuela brothers, Manolo and Jesus, for the female version of the play.
The Female Odd Couple opened on Broadway at the Broadhurst Theatre on June 11, 1985 with a cast that starred Sally Struthers and Rita Moreno as Florence (Felix) and Olive (Oscar), and Lewis J. Stadlen and Tony Shalhoub as the Costazuela brothers. A London production of this version ran at the Apollo Theatre in 2001 and starred Paula Wilcox as Florence and Jenny Seagrove as Olive.

On the ABAC stage, Florence Unger will be played by Slayten Carter, a political science major from Willacoochee, and the role of Olive Madison will be played by Collette Whittemore, a biology major from Cumming.

Additional cast members include Jason Brown, an English major from Ashburn, as Manolo Costazuela; Caitlin Cato, a biology major from Bainbridge, as Sylvie; Jillian Grim, a rural studies-writing and communication major from Meigs, as Renee; Holly Huggins, a music major from Fitzgerald, as Vera; Tre’mon Mills, a speech communications major from Blakely, as Jesus Costazuela; and Kaylee Stokes, an English major from Tifton, as Mickey. Raven Hughley, a biology major from Dalton, will serve as assistant director for the production.

For more information on the Baldwin Players’ version of “The Odd Couple,” interested persons can contact Ray at (229) 391-4969 or via e-mail at bray@abac.edu.

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