



Sylvia to open next Thursday at Morrison Playhouse

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Tickets are now on sale for A.R. Gurney's *Sylvia*, presented by the BC Theatre Department.

Director Brandon Smith calls the play "an extremely silly production with a lot of heart."

The play stars Junior Addison Dent as Greg, Junior Jordan Kahill as Kate, and Freshman Hannah Leonard as Sylvia. Junior Raquan Edwards plays three characters: Tom, Phyllis, and Leslie.

The show will run from next Thursday, November 15, through Sunday, November 18, at the Morrison Playhouse in the Porter Center.

Doors open at 7 p.m. with the show at 7:30 p.m. for the Thursday, Friday, and Saturday showings, and doors open at 2:30 p.m. with the show at 3 p.m. for the Sunday showing. The show is about 90 minutes long.

The cast members have been hard at work on the production, which according to Edwards, "is coming along smoothly."

"It's the most rigorous play ever," said Dent. "We're learning new rehearsal styles that are exhausting but rewarding."

Edwards agreed. "Rehearsals have never been more exhausting."

These rehearsal styles include the tape technique, which involves the cast recording scenes on a tape recorder during a seated reading, and then silently acting out the scenes as the tape plays back.

They have also been method acting at what Dent called "a beginner degree." With this technique, the actors personalize what their character is doing with experiences of their own in order to connect with the part and convey true emotion.

"It's something totally different for us, but it's a good thing," said Kahill.

"We're making it sound like a grueling Crossfit workout, but it's fun," said Dent. "We're always having a good time. We're exhausted, but we're pumped up as hell to step in that room."

The play will benefit Charlie's Angels Animal Rescue, a non-profit organization dedicated to rescuing abandoned, neglected, and homeless animals from the area shelters and providing them with safe passage to a new home.

During the intermission of each performance there will be a slideshow of animals in need of homes. In addition, the Friday show will feature a 10 to 15 minute informational "talk back" session with representatives from the shelter.

Tickets are available for purchase online (link to etix.com from BC Theatre Studies webpage), and at Rockin' Robin Records. Tickets may also be purchased one hour prior to each performance at the Porter Center Box Office if not sold out. Smith recommends getting tickets as soon as possible because some of the showings are nearly sold out already.

General admission is \$5.00.

For more information, contact Brandon Smith at brandon.smith@brevard.edu.



Junior Jordan Kahill (Kate), freshman Hannah Leonard (Sylvia), and junior Addison Dent (Greg), rehearse for the upcoming play.