

"Robber Bridegroom"

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"The Diviners"

**Jada Moore**  
Staff Reporter

The Elon College Department of the Performing Arts presents another theatrical production which displays the wonderful acting talents of a handful of the student body with "The Robber Bridegroom."

The play, directed by Sara Romersberger, is adapted from a novella by Eudora Welty. The musical comedy takes place in 1800 in the small town of Rodney, Mississippi. It is about a saucy fellow who actually has two personalities, one good and one bad. Jamie, the robber bridegroom, is played by Joel Gruver.

During the course of the play, Jamie disguises himself with blackberry juice and becomes the "gentleman" robber. He steals everything

he is able to get his hands on. At one point, he steals the gold stiched clothing of Rosamund, played by Amanda Smith.

Rosamund falls in love with this bandit of the woods but is actually betrothed to the bandit's alter ego, Jamie. The bandit is also in love with Rosamund, although she does not know his real identity. She is in love with his bad guy personality. Jamie and Rosamund have no feelings for each other because Rosamund is obsessed with the bandit and acts very immature around Jamie.

"It's high society meets low life and talk show all rolled into one," said Joey Boyles. "A regular Jerry Springer episode."

Boyles plays Clement Musgrove, Rosamund's rich father.

This play has it all; A love triangle or love square, a wicked

and greedy stepmother, a theiving disembodied head and a hit man that acts like a goat.

The cast has been practicing very hard to make this play all that it can be. Erin Highsmith, the play's stagemanager, said, "The cast has been rehearsing since mid-December, before Christmas break."

The play's musical ensemble is a mixture of folk and square dance to give the play the appropriate country feel. There is singing, dancing and a whole lot of other excitement. So be prepared to laugh and have a good time.

Make sure you look for Elon's next theater production  
**Euripides' The Bacchae**  
April 17 - 19



Emily MacDonnell/The Pendulum  
Amanda Warren plays Goat's mother in the upcoming musical, "The Robber Bridegroom" this weekend

## Chow Yun-Fat has arrived

**Chuck Buckley**  
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There are many reasons to see "The Replacement Killers".

It is the debut film of "Gangstas Paradise" video director Antone Fuqua. It is starring Academy Award winning actress Mira Sorvino and is loaded with wall to wall action.

Now all of these reasons are good ones, but the only one that really matters is that this is the first American feature starring Chinese action legend Chow Yun-Fat.

For those of you who have never heard of him, 42-year-old Yun-Fat is the crowning jewel of the entire Chinese action genre. He is the king of Hong Kong cinema.

The film is about an assassin, played by Yun-Fat, who is ordered to kill the son of a cop. The assassin can't bring himself to do the job and so finds himself running from the men who have been hired to replace him.

In desperation to get of the country and away from the killers, the assassin kidnaps a document forger, played by Sorvino, and forces her to make him a passport.

Needless to say the script is not the reason to see this movie. It is merely a vehicle for Chow Yun-Fat's superbly choreographed action sequences. Despite that fact, Sorvino and Yun-Fat work well together and manage to keep the audiences interest up. Both of them embody charisma.

Director Fuqua's extremely stylized approach to the movie flows well with Chow Yun-Fat's method of acting and gunplay. Fuqua's camera work and lighting feels like a hybrid of Michael Bay, director of "Bad Boys" and "The Rock," and John Woo the executive producer of the this film.

Every sequence gives us something new from both the star and the director. Who could imagine a gun fight in a working car-wash?

Overall I think that this movie is definitely the appropriate choice from a producers standpoint to introduce Chow Yun-Fat to America. He looks great through out the entire production.

If you have ever considered yourself to be a fan of action movies, than you cannot afford to miss "The Replacement Killers."

Look for more of Chow Yun-Fat in his next movie "The Corrupter" directed by Oliver Stone. Yun-fat will be playing a evil cop who gets rookie Mark Wahlberg as a partner.

If you are interested in seeing more of Yun-Fat's work I suggest the following films :

A Better Tomorrow  
Full Contact  
The Killer  
Hard Boiled

I recomend you getting them in their original Chinese.



Yun-Fat and Sorvino in "The Replacement Killers"

## A&E Nuggets

★ The Elon College Chamber singers will perform at the annual collegiate choral festival at Wake Forest this Saturday. They are one of six choral groups invited to perform at the festival.

★ The envelope please...

### The Nominations for the 70th Annual Academy Awards

#### Best Picture

As Good As It Gets  
Good Will Hunting  
L.A. Confidential  
The Full Monty  
Titanic

#### Best Director

James Cameron  
Perer Cattaneo  
Atom Egoyan  
Curtis Hanson  
Gus Van Sant

#### Best Actor

Matt Damon  
Robert Duvall  
Peter Fonda  
Dustin Hoffman  
Jack Nicholson

#### Best Actress

Helena Bonham Carter  
Julie Christie  
Judi Dench  
Helen Hunt  
Kate Winslet

#### Best Supporting Actor

Robert Forster  
Anthony Hopkins  
Greg Kinnear  
Burt Reynolds  
Robin Williams

#### Best Supporting Actress

Kim Basinger  
Joan Cusack  
Minnie Driver  
Julianne Moore  
Gloria Stuart