



News Release

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Event: “Levee: A Gothic Ghost Tale”

Presented by: Cuesta College Performing Arts Department

Date: November 29, 30, December 1, 6, 7 and 8 at 8 p.m.

Place: Interact Theater, SLO Campus

Cost: \$30 for opening night fundraiser, \$15 for general admission, \$10 for students with i.d.

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Cuesta Performs “Levee,” Raises Money for New Orleans Charity

Cuesta College’s Performing Arts Department will debut “Levee: A Gothic Ghost Tale,” an original play based on the events of Hurricane Katrina, from November 29 through December 8. All proceeds from opening night will be donated to KID smART, a New Orleans-based children’s organization.

“Levee” was written and directed by drama faculty member Philip Valle. The play will feature a live, four-piece ensemble, including trumpet, percussion, guitar/sampler and didgeridoo, in addition to a multi-instrumental soundscape by local composer Mick Sousa. Valle characterizes the play as a “Gothic melodrama,” with influences of Edgar Allen Poe.

“Poe embraced the grotesque and invited his readers down dark catacombs of the unconscious,” Valle said. “We are interested in a world of striking images, a mixture of the beautiful and the tragic.”

Performances of “Levee: A Gothic Ghost Tale” will be held on November 29, 30, December 1, 6, 7 and 8 at 8 p.m. in the Interact Theater. General admission is \$15 and \$10 for students with identification for each performance following the opening night fundraiser. On November 29, all tickets are \$30 and include refreshments and a door prize.

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