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Cuesta College's Interact Theatre to Close with Final Performance of "Rhinoceros"

Cuesta College's Interact Theatre will take a final curtain call following the last performance of "Rhinoceros" on May 10.

The Interact Theatre, previously used as a military chapel, has been home to Cuesta College performing arts productions since 1971. It will close its doors permanently this year to make way for the grand opening of the Theater Arts Building scheduled to open in time to house classes for the fall 2009 semester.

The new Theater Arts Building is a state of the art complex with a 400-seat traditional theater, 100-seat experimental theater and a dance performance space.

"Rhinoceros" was written by Eugene Ionesco in 1959. Written in the style of the Theatre of the Absurd, it depicts the citizens of a small, French town that turn into rhinoceroses. The play is often cast as a commentary on social conformity.

The production will run on April 30, May 1, 2, 7, 8 and 9 at 7 p.m., and on May 3, 9 and 10 at 2 p.m.

Following the final production on May 10, a special ceremony will honor the Interact Theatre's history at Cuesta College. The ceremony will feature selected performances of the arts that have graced the stage over the years, including theater, jazz, classical concerts and dance. It will conclude by inviting alumni performers onto the stage for one last time.

"The ghost light that represents the fire that burned in all classical theaters will then be extinguished," said Anet Carlin, a former Cuesta College performing arts instructor that has been involved with the theater since its inception.

Tickets are \$10 for students and seniors, and \$12 for general admission. For reservations, call 546-3195.

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