Creighton opens theater season with "Doin' Chickens"

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Creighton University's Fine and Performing Arts department has chosen Doin' Chickens, written by local playwright Brian Kokensparger, as its opening production for the 1992-93 theatre season.

The three-act tragedy will open Oct. 2 at Creighton's Interim Performing Arts Center, 30th and Burt Streets.

The tragedy is a heart-breaking story of a young lady's struggle for dignity on a deteriorating farmstead. Doin' Chickens challenges the audience to enter into the fierce, dangerous environment of Appalachian Kentucky.

Director Alan Klem has chosen a cast made up of Creighton students: Rebecca Schulte as the girl, Ann Schulte as the mother, Mike Schreider as Nick and Bill Thomas as Freddie. These students join Jerry Horning playing the father and a local high school student, Andy Rannels as the boy.

The Appalachian farmstead and spring is designed by Bill Van Deest. Van Deest also designed the lighting for the production.

Kevin McCluskey designed and produced the costumes.

This production of Doin' Chickens will be presented as Creighton's entry in the American College Theater Festival, and will be considered for further production at the regional and national festivals and the Michael Kanin Playwriting Awards Program.

The performances will be held Friday through Sunday for two weekends, Oct. 2-4 and 9-11.

Curtain time for Friday and Saturday performances will be 8 p.m. and Sunday performances will begin at 2:30 p.m.

Reservations are available by calling Creighton's Fine and Performing Arts department, 280-2509.