One-act play festival scheduled with wide variety

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Creighton's one act play festival will be held April 20, 30 and May 1 and will feature the plays "Floating Milkpods," "A Thing of Beauty," "Middle Man" and "Eating Plums.

"We have a very good cast this year. It is a mix of students and members of the community," said Bill Hutson of the theater department.

Last year's festival was a "sell out almost every night," Hutson said.

The plays are chosen after directors submit their plays to theater faculty members, he said.

Arts and Sciences senior Ross Manhart will direct "Floating Milkpods," a play written by David Brink, whose play "Pink Eye" was featured in last year's festival.

Rebecca Schulte, Arts and Sciences freshman, and Todd Malone, Business sophomore, will be performing in "Floating Milkpods," Manhart said.

Dan Sivils, Arts and Sciences junior will direct "A Thing of Beauty" by Charles Kray. Tobias Nowmes, Arts and Sciences senior, will be the assistant director, Manhart said.

Arts and Sciences sophomore Melinda McFarland, Arts and Sciences freshman Jean Gross and Bill Preusser are the cast of "A Thing of Beauty," Manhart said.

"Middle Man" was written by Jim Devney, who will also direct the play, Hutson said.

Jim Payne, Arts and Sciences senior Mike Schneider and graduate student Jim McGraw, will perform in "Middle Man," Manhart said.

Ann Schulte, Arts and Sciences senior, will direct "Eating Plums" by Bob Vivian. Beth Armbrust, Arts and Sciences junior, is the assistant director.

The cast of "Eating Plums" is composed of Jeffrey Bivens, Terry Fidler and Arts and Sciences junior Tim Reilly.

Brink and Vivian are both local playwrights, Hutson said, and Devney is a local actor and playwright.

Hutson said the theater department is looking for volunteers to build sets and make costumes for the festival. Interested students can call Bill VanDeest at the Creighton Interim Fine and Performing Arts Center at 280-2512 or 280-4598, he said.

Students interested in helping at the box office can call 280-2509, Hutson said. Tickets can also be reserved by calling this number.

Manhart said.