Play festival to premiere in December

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Plays performed in the Lied Education Center for the Arts have only featured students as actors.

But in December, the One Act Play Festival will feature students as directors and producers as well.

The festival consists of two short plays and one oral interpretation piece to be performed in the Lied Center’s Studio Theatre. Creighton theatre students will both act in and direct the plays.

Arts & Sciences junior Jen Taylor will direct “What You Will,” a rendition of William Shakespeare’s “Twelfth Night.” It tells the story of a set of twins separated at birth who are, later on in life, shipwrecked in the same kingdom.

“It is a condensed version of ‘Twelfth Night,’ more modernized,” Taylor said. “It mixes Shakespearean language along with modern day language to make it more understandable.”

“The script is really funny and so far it looks like it’s gonna be a great show,” said “What You Will” actress Denise Chapman, Arts & Sciences sophomore.

The second one act play, “Carwash,” is about a man who loses his car in the carwash tunnel. It is directed by Arts & Sciences junior Brent Tierney.

“This will be my first time directing a play. I found that it is a lot harder than I thought,” Tierney said. “I’m in the directing class and have acted for four years now, but I never knew how hard directing could be.”

The directors each chose the plays to direct as a final project for a theatre class.

“I wanted to direct ‘Twelfth Night’ because it was a show I was in when I was in high school and it just didn’t do it justice. Now, I can bring it back to life and give it the venue of audience it deserves,” Taylor said.

“Twelfth Night” stars students Berna Jasek and Sander O’Donnell as the play revolves around the theme of identity in Shakespeare’s work.

She said she is very confident about the success of the plays because both strong casts consist of experienced and talented actors.

The Festival of One Acts will be performed at 7:30 p.m. Dec. 3 to 5. Tickets are available for $5 by calling the box office at 280-1448.