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COS Theatre Department to Present *Noises Off!*

Weed / COS - The College of the Siskiyous' Theatre Department spring production of *Noises Off*, a 1982 play by the English playwright Michael Frayn will open on the Kenneth W. Ford Theater stage Friday, April 13 at 7 p.m. Christian Richards directs this wildly popular farce!

Brimming with slapstick comedy, *Noises Off* is a roller coaster, side-splitting look at theatre - inside and out - as a hapless troupe of actors attempt to mount the dreadful comedy *Nothing On*. Door slamming, out-of-control egos, missed cues, and romantic intrigue will have you roaring with laughter as the casts' collective sanity quickly unravels.

In the first act, actors struggle to complete a dress rehearsal much to the dismay of the shows director. In the second act, the audience is transported backstage as the set literally revolves and reveals a cast on the verge of disaster as trysts and betrayals send the production into chaos. Yet, the show must go on; despite the catastrophe being played out on stage and the vicious antics among the actors backstage. The final act returns to the company as they perform their final calamitous performance, revealing the fallout of backstage catastrophes in hilarious fashion.

The idea for the play came to Frayn after he was inspired by watching a performance of a farce in the wings. According to Frayn, "What I saw backstage was actually funnier than what was onstage." The play was an immediate hit in 1982 when it hit the stage and has been madly popular ever since.

Performances are scheduled for Friday and Saturday evenings April 13, 14, 20, and 21 at 7 p.m. Sunday afternoon performances will be held April 15 and 22 at 3 p.m. in the COS Kenneth Ford Theater. Advance tickets may be purchased from the COS Weed Campus Bookstore, Yreka Campus Business Office, or from Snow Creek Studios in Mt. Shasta. Tickets will also be sold from the Theater Box Office beginning one hour prior to each show. Cost to attend the performance is \$15 general and \$10 students/seniors (60+). The Theatre Department rates this show as PG13 due to mild profanity and sexual innuendo. For more information contact the Public Relations Office at (530) 938-5373 or visit www.siskiyous.edu/theatre.