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Shakespeare Comedy ‘The Merry Wives of Windsor’ Revolves Around Colorful Characters, Middle Class Englishmen

CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas – The University Theatre at Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi will present the William Shakespeare comedy “The Merry Wives of Windsor” Tuesday, April 21, through Sunday, April 26, in the Warren Theatre in the Center for the Arts. Performances are at 8 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday.

As the only comedy set in Shakespeare’s native land, “The Merry Wives of Windsor” is conversational, gutsy and bustling with colorful characters; and centers around themes of love and marriage, jealousy and revenge, and class and wealth. The play focuses on everyday lives of the English middle class and gives birth to a tradition that reaches down to the modern television.

Sir John Falstaff is attracted to the personal charms of Mistress Ford and Mistress Page and their husbands’ money, so he decides to woo both women. However the mistresses are wise to the old lecher’s tricks and turn the tables on him with a series of humiliating assignments, midnight terrors and a damp, foul-smelling laundry basket.

“The Merry Wives of Windsor” is directed by Kelly Russell, assistant professor of theatre.

“The Merry Wives of Windsor” is for mature audiences. Tickets are \$8 for general admission, \$7 for seniors and military, \$5 for faculty and staff and \$3 for students with SandDollar\$ ID. For more information or to order tickets, call 361.825.5800.

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