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MERCED COLLEGE THEATRE DEPARTMENT PRESENTS
WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE'S, *THE TAMING OF THE SHREW*

One of William Shakespeare's most popular and enduring comedies, *The Taming of the Shrew* opens at the Merced College Theater on Friday, March 20 at 7:30 p.m. A dessert and coffee reception in the theater lobby will follow the opening night performance. The play continues on March 21, 26, 27 & 28 at 7:30 p.m., and Sunday, March 29 at 2 p.m.

Written between 1590 and 1592, *The Taming of the Shrew* continues to entertain audiences with its razor-sharp wit, its play-within-a-play format, and its examination of the seemingly ceaseless "war between the sexes." Known for its furiously fast-paced and witty dialogue, the play features playful banter between characters, clever puns and plays on words, and a lot of bawdy humor.

With a cast featuring Briana Garcia, Teddy Snyder, Samuel McCart, Amber Rain Fowler, Adrian Guarneros Quezada, Johnny Ratzloff, Walter Hoppe, Emily Wilson, Sarah Villarreal, Emma Hundley, Lupita Pineda, Brittney Marcelli, Manuel Moreno, Dominick Tovar, Jacob Childress, and Jonathan Mayweather, the production promises to entertain and confound audience with the essential question of a woman's role in society.

The Taming of the Shrew is Merced College Theater Arts Professor Carin Heidelberg, with lighting and set design by Chad Phillips, and costume design by Kristine Doiel. The stage manager is Katt Szyndler.

Merced College's Theatre Department is an undergraduate program that features an associate of arts degree in Theatre Arts and a CSU transfer degree

in Theatre Arts. The program features courses in all levels of acting, theatre history, stagecraft and costume design. In addition to a busy production and performance schedule of three to four plays per year, the Merced College Theatre Society puts on additional performances outside of regular department productions. The department also includes two part-time professors, Jack Souza and Josh Morrison.

Tickets are \$10 general admission and \$8 for students, seniors and military. A \$5-student discount is offered for the Thursday performances only. Tickets may be purchased at the Theater Box Office and in the Merced College bookstore.

For more information about Merced College's Theatre Department, visit <http://www.mccd.edu/TheArts/> or call (209) 384-6284.

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