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Theater Presents “The 39 Steps”

CEDARVILLE, OHIO – Cedarville University’s Department of Art, Design and Theatre presents Patrick Barlow’s “The 39 Steps,” the final production of the 2013-14 season. The production, under the direction of Springfield resident Rebecca Baker, will open in the DeVries Theatre on April 3 at 8 p.m.

The show will run in the evening beginning at 8 p.m. April 3-5 and 11-12 with matinee shows on April 5 and 12 at 2 p.m, and April 13 at 3 p.m. A special matinee performance for senior citizens and high school students will be held on April 10 at 10 a.m. The event is open to the public, and tickets are \$15 for adults and \$12 for students and children.

Set in 1935, “The 39 Steps” follows Richard Hannay, a lonely man with a boring life, as he finds himself accused of murder and caught in a dastardly scheme to take over the world. “The 39 Steps” is energetic, creative and fun, but also contains deeper themes. The play tells the story of a man and woman who find a reason to live, discover that there really is love in the world and learn how to make a difference in the world with their lives. Four actors, playing what seems like 150 characters, will delight the audience through this story of mystery, comedy and love. As one description of Barlow’s Hitchcock adaptation said, “Mix a Hitchcock masterpiece with a juicy spy novel, add a dash of Monty Python and you have ‘The 39 Steps,’ a fast-paced, whodunit for anyone who loves the magic of theatre!”

“The collaboration of designers, actors, stage managers and assistant stage managers is a big part of the major force behind this show,” Rebecca Baker, the production’s director, said. “I hope it’s something that is a good break for people because spring is such a busy time.”

A special teaser performance of the play will be given at the Arts Madness Pops Concert event in the Cedarville University Stevens Student Center on March 28 at 7 p.m. Free tickets will be given away during the concert.

For more information on the production, call [937-766-4491](tel:937-766-4491) or visit the Cedarville University “The 39 Steps” webpage.

Cedarville University, located east of Dayton, Ohio, has 3,459 students in more than 100 areas of study. A Baptist university of arts, sciences, professional and graduate programs, Cedarville is recognized nationally for rigorous academic programs, strong graduation and retention rates, accredited professional and health science offerings, and leading student satisfaction ratings. Visit the University online at www.cedarville.edu.

Date: April 3-5 and 10-13

Time: Evening shows begin at 8 p.m. (April 3-5 and 11-12); matinees at 2 p.m. (April 5 and 12), 10 a.m. (April 10) and 3 p.m. (April 13).

Location: Cedarville University, DeVries Theater in the Stevens Student Center

Address: Cedarville University, 251 N. Main St., Cedarville, Ohio ([Campus Map](#))

Cost: \$15 for adults and \$12 for children and students