

Alfred University to stage four-night production of noted playwright Sarah Ruhl's Eurydice

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ALFRED, NY The Alfred University Theater Department's production of award-winning playwright Sarah Ruhl's Eurydice will be staged Nov. 15-18. The play, directed by J. Stephen Crosby, professor of theater, will be performed at 7:30 p.m. nightly in C.D. Smith III Theater, Miller Performing Arts Center.

Eurydice is an enchanting retelling of the ancient myth of Orpheus and Eurydice. The story focuses on Eurydice's time in the Underworld after her untimely death and the surprise awaiting her that ultimately determines her eternal fate. Lush with dark humor, lyrical beauty, and wit, Eurydice transforms this Greek classic into a visceral, contemporary meditation on love.

Two-time Pulitzer Prize finalist Sarah Ruhl retells the myth, but from the perspective of Eurydice. Through a collage-like plot structure, Ruhl creates a dreamlike world in which she introduces themes not present in the original myth. We view naïve, idealized love in contrast to the transformative love between fathers and daughters. We explore the permeability between the worlds of the living and the dead in a quest to discover where true meaning lies in life and thereafter.

Ruhl is a past winner of the Steinberg Distinguished Playwright Award, Susan Smith Blackburn Prize, MacArthur Fellowship, and PEN/Laura Pels International Foundation for Theater Award. Two of her plays *In the Next Room* and *The Clean House* were finalist for the Pulitzer Prize for Drama. *In the Next Room* was also nominated for a Tony Award for Best New Play.

Tickets for the show are \$10 general admission; \$2 for Alfred University students with ID; and \$5 for senior citizens. For reservations, call 871-2828 or email performs@alfred.edu.