

"The Crucible" to be performed at AU

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Arthur Miller's drama "The Crucible," the second offering of the 2001-02 Alfred University Division of Performing Arts Theater Program season, will be performed Wednesday through Saturday (Nov. 28-Dec. 1) in the C.D. Smith III Theater at the Miller Performing Arts Center on campus. The play, set in Salem, MA, in 1692, centers on a young farmer, his wife, and a servant who was dismissed from their employ. The maid, obsessed with desire for the farmer after a sexual encounter and determined to get him for herself, accuses his wife of being a witch. Her lie, exploited by others for their own reasons, explodes out of control and leads to a violent witch-hunt that ends in the hanging of some of Salem's most upstanding -- and entirely innocent -- citizens. Miller's play, which won the 1953 Tony for the best play on Broadway, is a parable on the anti-communist witch hunts led by Senator Joe McCarthy in the early 1950s. Director Stephen Crosby, professor of theater and chair of the Performing Arts Division, noted that the play is "a timeless ... and tragic parable of a dark characteristic of human behavior: the insidious way vindictive people can construct falsehoods about others to get what they want through character assassination." Curtain time is 8 p.m. each of the four nights. Tickets are \$4 for the general public and \$2 for non-Alfred University students. Admission is free for AU students with identification. For reservations, call (607) 871-2828, or visit the new Division of Performing Arts on-line box office, <http://www.alfred.edu/per...> general Performing Arts web address is www.alfred.edu/performing... students in the cast are as follows: Shaminda Amarakoon.. Alfred, NY Erin Berkey.....Corning, NY Jeremy Carey.....Candor, NY Kara Dunne.....Montpelier, VT John Dunphy.....Red Bank, NJ Kristin Grillo.....Byron, NY Sammi Houston Chanel Huston.....Bronx, NY Luke Jacobs.....North Hampton, MA Adam Mataszewski..Cleveland, OH Robin North.....Schaghticoke, NY Jessica Orlowski.....Amsterdam, NY Hannah Patterson...Weare, NH Chris Quinn.....Millersville, MD Sarah Quaile.....Saratoga NY Laura Randall.....Greece, NY Jason Shattuck.....West Point, NY Andrew Shaw.....Peekskill, NY Earl Stephens.....Conesus, NY Emily Tucker.....Lansing, NY Alvero Valentin.....New York, NY###