

Performing Arts to present 'The Runner Stumbles'

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The Division of Performing Arts at Alfred University will open the Theater Department season with "The Runner Stumbles," a murder mystery and psychological drama. Performances are at 8 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 1- Saturday, Oct. 4 in the C.D. Smith III Theatre, Miller Performing Arts Center. The drama tells a story centered on a small town parish priest and a nun who have to deal with the conflict between forbidden love and their religious vows. This play is based on an actual early 1900's trial for the murder of a nun in a rural Michigan community. Stephen Crosby, professor of theater, will direct "The Runner Stumbles". He has been at Alfred University since the fall of 1994 and received his master of arts degree in directing from Florida State University, Tallahassee. His stage performing credits include Oedipus in Oedipus, Harpagon in "The Miser," Banquo in "Macbeth," and Bottom in "A Midsummer Night's Dream." In the last two years, he has returned to the stage as an actor, playing the role of Scrooge in "A Christmas Carol" and performing and touring Alaska with the Fairbanks Shakespeare Festival. Assistant Professor of Theater Marketa Fantova is director of set and costume design. She received her master of fine arts degree in scene design from Wayne State University, Detroit. Theater major Daniel Meltzer is director of lighting design. General admission is \$5; cost is \$1 for AU students.