

Dominican Theatre Presents “To Gillian on Her 37th Birthday”

First of four performances to begin Nov. 13

WHITEFISH BAY, Wis. – Dominican High School will present four performances of the sentimental drama, “To Gillian on Her 37th Birthday,” from Nov. 13-16.

The play, a gentle character study written by Michael Brady, reveals the importance of family and the true power of love. It tells the story of David, a man who cannot let go of the memory of his late wife Gillian, all the while ignoring the needs of his daughter.

"This is a piece that will resonate strongly with our audience as it deals with something we all experience in life – loss and the true nature of love," said Director Michael Travia.

A total of 17 Dominican students are involved in the production. The seven-member cast includes Taylor Boyd, N'Jameh Camara, Wyatt Engl, Mary Linn, Leigh Poellmann, Katy Schuele and Peter Vartanian.

Stage Manager Jena Cava is joined by assistant stage managers Maryrose Langoehr and Steven Thomas. Other crew members are Nathan Bredeson, Al'Haji Camara, Sherron Chesnut, Katie LaSee, Matt Schlaikowski, Justin Wang and Hans Wustrack.

"It's been a wonderful experience working with these young people," said Travia. "Their talent and willingness to create is quite remarkable."

The production opens Thursday, Nov. 13 at 7 p.m. All students (kindergarten through college) will be admitted free to the premiere. Other performances will take place on Friday, Nov. 14 at 7:30 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 15 at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, Nov. 16 at 2 p.m.

Advance purchase tickets, priced at \$8 for adults and \$5 for students, are available for all performances. Tickets also will be available one hour prior to performance at a cost of \$9 for adults and \$6 for students. To purchase tickets in advance, call the Dominican Box Office at 414.332.1170, ext. 485, or print the Ticket Order Form from the school's website at: www.dominicanhighschool.com.

Dominican High School is a leader in secondary education, providing young men and women with a quality, Catholic college-preparatory education in a supportive and nurturing environment. Founded over 50 years ago by the Sinsinawa Dominicans and based in Whitefish Bay, Wis., Dominican's diverse population draws students from more than 50 grade schools and four counties across southeastern Wisconsin.