

Jack and the Beanstalk Being Staged February 2-4 at SWOSU

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Jack and the Beanstalk will be staged February 2-4 at Southwestern Oklahoma State University in Weatherford. Performance times are February 2-3 at 7 p.m. and February 4 at 2 p.m. in the SWOSU Hilltop Theatre. Cast members of the production are: (front from left): Tyler Powell, Woodward; Sara Molnar, Fay; and Emma Brown, Clinton. Second row from left—Carmen Rutledge, Lawton; and Nikki Reiss, Moore. Third row from left—Sarah Mueggenborg, Okarche; Cody Carnahan, Sayre; Monica Sallaway, Omaha NE; and Sheri Flower, Victoria TX. Back row from left—Adam Boothby, Guymon; Randi Rowland, Tuttle; and Merritt Taylor, Cordell. Not pictured are James Brenna, Lawton and Courtney Tuttle, Altus.

Jack and the Beanstalk by Marjorie Sokoloff will be staged February 2-4 by Southwestern Oklahoma State University's Department of Communication and Theatre on the Weatherford campus.

The 40-minute production is suitable for all ages—the young and the young at heart, according to production advisor Steve Strickler.

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Tickets are \$5 for adults, \$3 for non-SWOSU students and free for individuals with a valid SWOSU ID. Reservations may be made 4-7 p.m. Monday through Friday at the SWOSU Hilltop Theatre Box Office or by calling 580.774.6046.

While the basic storyline is what most people remember, it does have a few changes that make the play even more fun to see, according to Strickler. Jack's life is tough. He and his mother have no money, no food, a run-down house and an opera-singing cow that won't give milk. Just as he is about to be sent off to an orphanage, Jack meets a mysterious stranger, who gives him three magic beans, along with an even more mysterious piece of advice that sets Jack climbing up a beanstalk and into the clouds. There, he meets a giant who would do anything to change places with him. With the help of a wise-cracking hen and a self-absorbed cow, all of the characters try to solve their problems.

Serving as director is Sayre senior Cody Carnahan. Cast members include: Carmen Rutledge, Lawton freshman, as Jack; Adam Boothby, Guymon junior, as Cow; Sheri Flower, Edmond (Santa Fe) freshman, Cloud 1/chicken/star; Sarah Mueggenborg, Okarche senior, Jack's Mother; Tyler Powell, Woodward senior, Stranger/Jack's Father; Nikki Reiss, Moore freshman, Actor; Randi Rowland, Tuttle sophomore, Albert's mother; Monica Sallaway, Bartlesville freshman, Hen/Cloud 2; Merritt Taylor, Cordell freshman, Albert; and Courtney Tuttle, Altus freshman, Townsperson.

The production company includes: Emma Brown, Clinton senior, Stage Manager; Sara Molnar, Thomas senior, Assistant Stage Manager; and James Brennan, Lawton

sophomore, Sound Designer. Stephen Haynes, assistant professor, serves as the production's technical director and the designer of scenic, lighting and costumes.