

Charlotte's Web Being Performed at SWOSU

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Southwestern Oklahoma State University and the Weatherford Arts Council have joined efforts to bring a popular children's classic, Charlotte's Web, to the SWOSU stage.

The play, which will be performed by the SWOSU Theatre Department, is based on the book by E.B. White and adapted for the stage by Joseph Robinette. The production has already sold out four performances but still has tickets for the 7:30 p.m. performances on March 31 and April 1.

The play will be staged in the SWOSU Old Science Building Auditorium. Admission is \$3 for adults, \$1.50 for students and free for children 4 and under and individuals with an SWOSU I.D. Additional information is available by calling 580.774.3240.

Even though the original book was written for children, adults can enjoy and learn from this classic, according to director Steve Strickler. All the enchanting characters are included: Wilbur, the irresistible young pig; Fern Arable, a girl who understands what animals say to each other; Templeton, the gluttonous rat who can occasionally be talked into a good deed; the stern and worldly sheep and her little lamb; the repetitive but protective Goose and Gander; the extraordinary spider and title character - Charlotte; the other Arable family members; the Zuckerman family and their faithful farmhand – Lurvy; and rounded out by a photographer, reporter, fairgoers, Uncle the Pig, and the narrator of the story.

Determined to save Wilbur, Charlotte begins her campaign with the "miracle" of her web in which she writes, "Some pig." It is the beginning of a victorious campaign which ultimately ends with the now-safe Wilbur doing what is most important to Charlotte.

Strickler said Charlotte's Web is a beautiful, knowing play about friendship that is sure to give even the oldest audience member an evening of enchantment.