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SWOSU Staging *The Crucible* on March 7-10

Southwestern Oklahoma State University's Department of Art, Communication and Theatre will present *The Crucible* on March 7-10 on the Weatherford campus.

The SWOSU Hilltop Theatre Box Office will begin taking reservations on Monday, February 25. Box office hours are 4-7 p.m. Monday through Friday. Admission is \$5 for adults, \$3 for non-SWOSU students and free for individuals with a valid SWOSU ID. For more information or to make reservations, call 580-774-6046.

Shows on March 7-9 will be nightly at 7:30 p.m. and on March 10 at 2 p.m.

The 1953 Tony Award winner for Best Play was written by Arthur Miller during the McCarthy period when many of Miller's friends were being attacked for their alleged pro-Communist beliefs.

Steve Strickler, director of the SWOSU production, said the McCarthy hearings pitted artists and performers against each other. Individuals were asked to "name names" – which was reminiscent of the way the citizens of Salem were asked to accuse their friends and family members of witchcraft. Miller was called before the House Un-American Activities Committee in 1956 and like John Proctor, the protagonist in his play, refused to implicate others involved in activities condemned at the time by society.

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