

Cabaret to be Staged March 6-10 at SWOSU

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Several groups at Southwestern Oklahoma State University are combining forces to present the production of *Cabaret* March 6-10 on the Weatherford campus.

The Department of Communication and Theatre, the SWOSU Players, and members of the Department of Music are working together on the production that will be staged *March 6, 8, 9, and 10 at 7:30 p.m. and on March 7 at 2 p.m. in the Hilltop Theatre.*

Based on the play *I am a Camera* by John Van Druten and adapted from the *Berlin Stories* by Christopher Isherwood, *Cabaret* is set in pre-war Berlin. It is a scandalous tale of sex, money and dark secrets.

As the show begins, Cliff Bradshaw (J. J. Witt, Guymon) has arrived in Berlin on the eve of 1931. The Nazis are taking power, but "life is beautiful" in a shabby cabaret known as the Kit Kat Klub. He falls in love with second-rate performer Sally Bowles (Cierra Musick-Jennings, Weatherford). The two are soon living together in a run-down rooming house owned by Fräulein Schneider (Eryn Brooks, Woodward). Sally's irresponsible lifestyle begins to engulf Cliff even as the Nazi poison engulfs Germany, and revelers of the Cabaret world never notice that they are being carried away by the rising tide of fascism.

Admission is \$5 for adults, \$3 for non-SWOSU students, and free for individuals with an SWOSU ID. Seating is extremely limited; thus, advance purchases and/or reservations are encouraged. The SWOSU Hilltop Theatre box office is open Monday-Thursday from 5-6 p.m. Tickets may be purchased on performance evenings from 5:30 until curtain-time. For more information or to make reservations, please call the box office at 580.774.6046.

SWOSU faculty members overseeing the production are Steve Strickler as director, Skip Klingman as musical director and Stephen Haynes technical direction.