

Twelve Angry Jurors Being Staged October 15-18 at SWOSU

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Southwestern Oklahoma State University's Department of Art, Communication and Theatre has opened the box office for the season-opener, *Twelve Angry Jurors*, that will be staged October 15-18 on the Weatherford campus.

The SWOSU Hilltop Theatre Box Office sells tickets and takes reservations from 4-7 p.m. Mondays through Fridays.

Performances of *Twelve Angry Jurors* are scheduled for 7:30 p.m. nightly on October 15, 17 and 18 and a 2 p.m. matinee on October 16.

The three-act play was adapted for the stage by Sherman L. Sergel. It is based on the Emmy award-winning television movie, *Twelve Angry Men*, by Reginald Rose. The play opens with an offstage judge's voice revealing that a 19-year-old man has just stood trial for the fatal stabbing of his father; the charge is "murder in the first degree . . . premeditated homicide." The jurors are then led to the jury room to deliberate. The guard leading the jurors into the room says, "He doesn't stand a chance."

Very quickly the audience is led to believe that this is going to be a quick verdict. However, once the deliberation begins, it becomes clear that these jurors are not going to be able to reach a unanimous decision quickly or easily. Through the process, the jurors become more and more invested in the case – eventually leading them to become more and more angry.

Admission for the production is \$5 for adults, \$3 for non-SWOSU students and free with a valid SWOSU ID. For more information or to make reservations, call the SWOSU Hilltop Theatre Box Office at 580-774-6046.