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## “Where Words Once Were” Planned November 16-19 at SWOSU

Southwestern Oklahoma State University Theatre will present the Oklahoma premier of *Where Words Once Were* by Finegan Kruckemeyer on November 16-19 on the Weatherford campus.

Performances in the SWOSU Hilltop Theatre will be at 7:30 p.m. on Nov. 16, 18 and 19 and 2 p.m. on Nov. 17. Admission is free with a valid SWOSU I.D., \$5 for adults and \$3 for non-SWOSU students.

The SWOSU Hilltop Theatre Box Office takes reservations from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Friday. Please call 580.774.6046.

The playwright said that he was invited to write a play in which language was the main character. He created a dystopian society where language is controlled by limiting the vocabulary of “The City” to 1,000 words. When a new word is needed, an old word is banned from the language.

Steve Strickler of the SWOSU department said the play is an incredible and beautiful lesson in the power of words. Through the use of literary devices such as anagrams, palindromes, and homonyms, the playwright cleverly uses the language to communicate a very rich message.

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