

The Odd Couple (Female Version) Coming to SWOSU

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Playing a game of trivial pursuit in the hilarious *The Odd Couple (female version)* that is being staged November 20-22 at Southwestern Oklahoma State University in Weatherford are SWOSU students (from left): Kayla Argo, Plains (KS); Eryn Brooks, Woodward; Cierra Musick Jennings, Weatherford; Tiffany Tuggle, Hollis; Shanna Clark, Marlow; and Bethany Schmidt, Enid.

The Odd Couple (female version) is exactly what it says it is: Felix and Oscar become Florence and Olive in Neil Simon's adaptation of his own play.

Florence and Olive are mismatched roommates in this hilarious play being staged at Southwestern Oklahoma State University November 20-22 at the new SWOSU Hilltop Theatre on the Weatherford campus.

Performances are at 7:30 p.m. on November 20-21 and 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. on November 22. Admission is \$5 for adults, \$3 for non-SWOSU students, and free for individuals with an SWOSU ID.

For advance ticket purchases, 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. Please note that seating is limited to 170, performances begin promptly, and latecomers will unfortunately not be seated. For more information or to make reservations, please call the box office at 580.774.6046.

The play opens at Olive Madison's (played by Marlow sophomore Shanna Clark) sloppy apartment, as she hosts a ladies' night with some of her friends. As Sylvie (Weatherford senior Cierra Musick Jennings), Mickey (Hollis senior Tiffany Tuggle), Renee (Plains, KS freshman Kayla Argo), and Vera (Enid junior Bethany Schmidt) sit around the table playing a hysterical game of Trivial Pursuit, they learn that their other friend, Florence Unger (Woodward sophomore Eryn Brooks), has disappeared. When she shows up disheveled, disorientated, and coming apart at the seams, the group doesn't want Florence to know that they were worried about her. Wandering over after splitting with her husband, Florence has nowhere to go, and Olive's compassionate sloppy soul offers Florence to stay with her.

Olive now has a roommate, but little does she realize that her compassion intends to turn on her and bite her in the foot. It doesn't take Florence long to recover, take over, and begin cleaning. Olive wants to go to sleep; Florence wants to get organized.

Two universes of two different people collide head on. The cleaner Florence becomes, the sloppier Olive becomes.

The two Spaniards that live upstairs, Manolo Costazuela (Burns Flat senior Jess Moore) and Jesus Costazuela (Hammon freshman Riley McCallay), met Olive, who is tired of staying home night after night, in the elevator. Seeking male companionship, Olive begs Florence to go on a double date with the two men. Florence agrees, except that she wants to prepare the dinner. Upon the two brothers' arrival, there is confusion with a box

of candy. Jesus confuses nougat for no good, handing the box of candy to Olive, telling her the candy is no good. This play is filled with other hilarious moments such as this.

Steve Strickler, director of the play, said SWOSU's production of *The Odd Couple (female version)* is a hearty and wholesome laugh and should not be missed.