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# Blackfriars Theatre

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## PRESS RELEASE

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## No Exit

By Jean Paul Sartre

Directed by Jason O. Davis '03

"You are nothing else but your life." You have a fundamental human freedom with the ability to choose your own existence. You can create your own destiny. But be wary of your choices for your destiny may lead you into a small, unfurnished room with no windows and only one door – bolted behind you. Your only company is two other sinful strangers. You are locked in for all eternity. You may not know it yet, but you have entered Hell.

*No Exit*, written by Jean-Paul Sartre in 1944, tells such a vision of Hell. The play begins as Garcin, a World War II deserter, is led into a small, ordinary hotel room. Soon, two women are thrown into the room with him; the brutally honest Inez and an atypical femme fatal, Estelle. As each prods at the others' life-memories, they discover each others' sins and desires – tales of seduction, deceitful affairs and unforgivable cowardice. The three torment each other, passing constant judgment on past actions and dwell on the consequences. They create their own Hell. "Hell is other people" and there is no savior.

In 1946, Brooks Atkinson reviewed *No Exit*, saying, "Man is alone in this world; he is responsible to his own will and decisions; no one can save him from himself." If we proceed with the ability to create our own destiny, will we be damned and imprisoned in an eternal reminder of the choices we've made? What will be your punishment?

Providence College's Department of Theatre Dance and Film presents an Independent Student Project, *No Exit* directed by Jason O. Davis, '03. Independent Student Projects are selected, directed, enacted and run by students of the college.

For this production, the Blackfriars Theatre will be reconfigured and seating will be extremely limited for each of the two performances. Therefore, no telephone reservations will be taken, and walk-up sales must be paid for immediately. The Box Office is on the first floor of Harkins Hall in the rotunda and will open for ticket sales on Monday, November 22, 2004. Box Office hours are Monday through Friday, 1:00 to 5:00 p.m., and 1 hour prior to performances. Ticket prices are \$5 for all seats. All seats are reserved.

For more information concerning The Blackfriars Theatre season, please call 401-865-2218.

What:	<b>No Exit</b>
Where:	Blackfriars Theatre, Providence College
When:	Saturday, December 4 <sup>th</sup> at 8:00 pm, and Sunday, December 5 <sup>th</sup> at 2:00pm.
Tickets:	\$5.00
Ticket Sales:	Stop by the Theatre Box Office located in Harkins Hall on the campus of Providence College

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