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WAITING FOR GODOT

By Samuel Beckett

Translated from the original French text by the Author

Samuel Beckett used the term “tragicomedy” to describe **Waiting for Godot**. The word is appropriate, since the absurd can make us cry or make us laugh. (Think of your last trip to the Rhode Island DMV—it was probably tragic, but your re-telling of the experience no doubt brought laughter to your listeners.) This quality of suspension between emotions makes this play a difficult one to describe. There are comedic moments, but we would be misleading you to label it a comedy. It presents a slice of life as we all experience it—laying bare our habits, our purpose in life, our relationships with friends and with those whose decisions deeply affect us. **Waiting for Godot** premiered 50 years ago, and since that time it has become a classic. If you have heard of this play but never seen it, or if you have seen it and were puzzled by it, you need hold off no longer -- take this chance to experience Beckett’s best-known masterpiece.

Mary G. Farrell will direct **Waiting for Godot**, with scenic design by Jeremy Woodward, costume design by Deborah Newhall, and lighting design by Holly Ratafia.

The Blackfriars Theatre Box Office, located on the first floor of Harkins Hall in the rotunda will open for ticket sales on Monday, February 3, 2003. Box Office hours are Monday through Friday, 1:00 to 5:00 p.m., and 1 hour prior to performances (*Please note that the Box Office will be closed on Monday 17 February in observance of President’s Day.*) Tickets may also be reserved after February 3rd by calling 401-865-2218. Ticket prices are \$7.00, \$5.00 (senior) and \$3.00 (student.) All seats are reserved and the Theatre is handicapped accessible.

For more information concerning The Blackfriars Theatre season, please call 401-865-2084, or visit our website at www.providence.edu/theatre.

What: **Waiting for Godot**
Where: Blackfriars Theatre, Providence College
When: Friday, February 14th-Sunday, February 16th and
Friday, February 21st-Sunday, February 23rd
Fridays and Saturdays at 8:00 pm; Sundays at 2:00 pm.

Tickets: \$7.00, \$5.00 (seniors), \$3.00 (students)
Ticket Sales: 401-865-2218 or stop by the Theatre Box Office located in Harkins Hall on the campus of Providence College

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