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COS Production of “Sorry, Wrong Number” and “The Water Engine” Opens April 14

Weed/COS - The College of the Siskiyous' Theatre Department presents an evening of staged radio dramas, including Louise Fletcher's "Sorry, Wrong Number" and David Mamet's "The Water Engine," opening Friday, April 14 at 7 p.m. in the COS Kenneth Ford Theater at the Weed Campus.

Many remember "Sorry, Wrong Number" as the classic 1948 film starring Barbara Stanwyck and Burt Lancaster. However, the College of the Siskiyous will perform it in its original radio drama form. "Sorry, Wrong Number" is a mystery thriller which tells the story of a neurotic invalid, whose only contact with the outside world is her phone, and because of a crossed wire, hears the plans for a murder. This radio classic, originally done by Agnes Moorehead on *Suspense*, was one of radio's ten "bests" and is still being repeated as an outstanding study in suspense.

"The Water Engine," set in 1934 during the Chicago World Fair, tells the story of a young inventor who has found a way to run an engine on distilled water. When he attempts to patent his invention he is at first ridiculed, but then is threatened when he refuses to sell and then decides to go public with his earth shattering discovery. The New York Times describes the play as "*extraordinary... verbal brilliance*" and the New York Daily News called it "*a vivid theatrical experience.*"

Theatre Arts faculty member Neil Carpentier-Alting directs these classic radio dramas with Nick Fabio, Theater Manager designing both the sets and the sound environment. The ensemble cast includes Alex Semler, Megan Smith, Liz Henson, Ryder Emerson, Rienne Renae, Mikala Thompson, Michael Pelfrey, Anne Bakke, Jesse Mullin, and Donna Fox. Students are also involved backstage in key positions; Devon Tiffany designing lights, Shasta Stewart and Tiffanie Ramirez stage managing the production.

Performances are scheduled for Friday and Saturday evenings April 14, 15, 21, and 22 at 7 p.m. and Sunday, April 23 at 3 p.m. in the COS Kenneth Ford Theater. Advance tickets may be purchased from the COS Weed Campus Bookstore, Yreka Campus Business Office, or from Snow Creek Studios in Mt. Shasta. Tickets will also be sold from the Theater Box Office beginning one hour prior to each show. Cost to attend the performance is \$15 general and \$10 students/seniors (60+). For more information contact the Public Relations Office at (530) 938-5373 or visit www.siskiyous.edu/theatre.

Prior to the show on Saturday evening, April 15 and April 22, the COS Associated Student Body will be hosting "*Dinner before the Show*" in the Weed Campus Student Center and prepared by COS Food Services. Dinner tickets are \$15 per person and must be purchased in advance. The dinner menu consists of Bacon-wrapped Pork Tenderloin, Mixed Seasonal Vegetables, Salad, and Dessert. Non-alcoholic drinks are included with the meal. For questions regarding the meal or to reserved dinner tickets, contact Doug Haugen, Director of Student Life, at (53) 938-5295. Tickets for "*Dinner before the Show*" may also be purchased from the same ticket outlets as show tickets (Weed Campus Bookstore, Yreka Campus Business Office, and Snow Creek Studios in Mt. Shasta)