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UMF Celebrates Women's History Month with Performance of "He and She"

FARMINGTON — University of Maine at Farmington Theater Arts program and Women and Gender Studies program will present Rachel Crothers' play, "He and She," in celebration of Women's History Month. This turn-of-the-century drama on the plight of the emancipated woman will be performed at 7:30 p.m., March 12-14; and at 2 p.m., March 15, at the UMF Alumni Theater.

Years ahead of its time, Crothers' play explores the question of traditional gender roles in the family and the professional world by looking at the lives of the Herford family. Tom Herford and his wife Ann are both sculptors competing for the same important commission. As each submits an entry for the prestigious prize, their marriage is threatened as they are faced with the question of what a woman's role should be in society, and how she reconciles her desire for both a family and a career.

Under the direction of Andrea Southard, UMF professor of theater, "He and She" features an all-student cast and crew. "The students first read Crothers' drama in their U.S. Theatrical Literature and History course," said Southard, "and were convinced this surprisingly early representation of the women's movement and gender roles issues was a story they wanted to tell on stage. The UMF Theater Arts program is committed to educational theater and creating opportunities for both the artists and the audience to explore questions that impact everyone's daily lives."

The leading female playwright of the



Students (left to right) Adam Randal, Ryan Patstone and Rebekah Church in scene from UMF's production of "He and She." (John Poisson photo)

first half of the twentieth century, Crothers made many contributions to realistic modern drama, writing and producing on average one Broadway play per year. She was a pioneer in the world of theater—directing, staging and casting most of her own plays. Beyond the quality of her craft, she is recognized for the way her writing addressed the social and moral problems that affected women of that era. She was also noted for her philanthropic work throughout her career, establishing relief organizations in response to the needs of World War I and II veterans and their families, and depression era victims.

Tickets for the performance are \$7 for adults, \$6 for non-UMF students, \$4 for senior citizens and children, and free for UMF students with their I.D. Tickets are available at the time of the performance, and can be reserved by calling the Alumni Theater box office at 207-778-7465.

Steve Rothert to show at SugarWood Gallery

FARMINGTON — SugarWood Gallery welcomes Steve Rothert as "Artist of the Month for March" at the Broadway gallery in Farmington.

Rothert is a Maine artist and traveler. Most of his paintings are of places he has been to or events he has experienced. He says that he realized early on that a photograph, while good at capturing the moment, does little to reveal the emotion, spirit and energy that can be brushed in by an artist.

He cultivated his artistic abilities as a student of several Maine artists, including Farmington's Stan Keirstead, but developed his own unique style drawing inspiration from the great Maine outdoors. An avid hiker, he gathers the many moods, seasons and people of Maine to record in vibrant watercolors. From the incomparable beauty of Acadia National Park, vistas of Mount Blue State Park, to the many enchanting bays and ports, Steve captures the essence of Maine.

Since retiring from the U.S. Navy, he has sought to record some of the experiences, places and especially, the people of the U.S. Armed Forces as a tribute to their true faith and allegiance, and devotion to



"Play At The Pump," by Steve Rothert

duty.

An open house to introduce Rothert's work will be held Friday, March 6 from 4 to 7 p.m. and Saturday March 7 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

SugarWood Gallery is a handcrafted fine furniture store and art gallery located at 248 Broadway in Farmington. Store hours are Monday through Friday 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., and Saturday and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

For additional information, call the gallery at 778-9105.



When it was time for the birth of our second child, my husband, Ben, and I were excited as we checked into Franklin Memorial Hospital's Family Birthing Center. As my labor progressed, though, the excitement Ben and I felt was replaced with fear. The monitors indicated that with every contraction I had, our baby's heart stopped beating. Dr. Connie Adler was contacted to perform an emergency cesarean section.

"Thanks to the technology and expertise at Franklin Memorial, our now 3-year-old son Nick, is looking forward to his first season on the slopes."

- Jessie Rush, Carrabassett Valley

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