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IU Kokomo's University Theatre presents *Arsenic and Old Lace*

KOKOMO, Ind. — The student University Theatre group at Indiana University Kokomo presents the dark comedy *Arsenic and Old Lace*.



Performances are at 7:30 p.m. Friday, October 31, and Saturday, November 1; and 2 p.m. Sunday, November 2, in Havens Auditorium.

Director Joann Kaiser said the show is a much-loved classic, first produced in the 1940s. It focuses on two elderly maiden aunts, who poison lonely gentlemen as a charity, and their nephew's reaction when he learns what they are doing.

"The story is still funny, after all this time," she said. "The students are having a great deal of fun with it."

The cast includes 12 students onstage, with five more working backstage. Kaiser noted that student director Aubree Binney, Peru; Marlea Duncan of Kokomo, costumes; and Joe Nierzwick of Kirklin, props; are completing their theater minor capstone projects with the production. Christopher Johnson, Greentown, is working with the show as part of his senior project, she added.

Joe Keener, associate professor of English, makes his acting debut in the show, after many years of teaching Shakespearean drama.

Tickets are \$7 for general admission and \$5 for students and seniors, and may be purchased at the door.

Indiana University Kokomo serves north central Indiana.

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