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**DARK COMEDY *RECKLESS TO BE*
USI SPRING PRODUCTION**

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Reckless, the richly inventive and often startling dark comedy by Craig Lucas, will be the spring production for USI Theatre, opening Thursday, February 13, at the Igleheart Avenue theatre.

Lucas is a member of the Circle in the Square Theatre Company in New York, where *Reckless* originally was produced off-Broadway in 1989. His latest hit, *Prelude to a Kiss*, was produced on Broadway and was presented in Evansville recently by Repertory People. Lucas wrote the screenplay for the recently completed film version of *Prelude*, and his screenplay for the film *Long Time Companion* was recognized as "Best Screenplay" at the American Film Festival at Sundance Institute. Lucas has received Tony and Drama Desk nominations for his plays and the Los Angeles production of *Reckless* won the Drama-Logue Award for Best Play.

Reckless is filled with bizarre characters and events. The central character, Rachel, played by USI freshman Christina Ulrich, is thrust into a nightmarish world of calamity after her husband confesses to her that he has taken out a contract on her life. He convinces her to escape through their bedroom window just as the hired assassin breaks in downstairs, and Rachel is launched into a series of unpredictable and outlandish incidents that range from winning game shows to accidental poisonings.

Steven Williford, USI director of Theatre, will direct *Reckless*. The cast also includes USI Theatre veterans Gary Conder, Jeremy Beck, Cris Cunningham, Anne Swedberg, and Tom Kough, and newcomers Jack Jones, Julie Duncan, Tina Kraft, Pat Pell, and Kelly Trafton. Jaye Beetem is designing scenery and lighting and Pat Tapp will do costumes.

The play will be presented at 8 p.m. Thursday through Saturday, February 13-14-15 and 27-28-29, with matinees at 2 p.m. on Sundays, February 16 and March 1. Admission is \$5 for the general public, \$3 for USI students and senior citizens. Reservations may be made by calling 812/464-1734; tickets will be available at the box office an hour before each performance.

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Cast for *Reckless*

Jeremy Beck, 7300 Oakdale, Newburgh, Indiana *
Gary Conder, 331 1st, Oakland City, Indiana *
(Mr.) Cris Cunningham, 931 Joan, Evansville *
Julie Duncan, RR 1, Hillsdale, Indiana *
Jack Jones, 1201-A First Avenue, Evansville *
Tom Kough, PO Box 6350, Evansville *
Tina Kraft, RR 1, Poseyville, Indiana *
Pat Pell, Newburgh
Anne Swedberg, Evansville
Kelly Trafton, 1522 Square Deal Mine Road, Boonville, Indiana *
Christina Ulrich, 5411 Happe Road, Evansville *

* USI students