

USI THEATRE TO PRESENT  
"OEDIPUS THE KING"



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Sophocles' 5th century tragedy, "Oedipus the King," will be USI Theatre's final spring production, opening Thursday, April 13, at the USI Theatre, 3001 Igleheart Avenue.

Dr. James R. Blevins, dean of the School of Liberal Arts who will direct "Oedipus the King," said it is generally acknowledged to be the world's most carefully constructed tragedy. Aristotle, in his work on drama, Poetics, cited "Oedipus" to illustrate the requirements of tragedy.

William Hairston, who is familiar to USI Theatre audiences, will portray Oedipus. Brian Sajko, communications instructor who directs many of the USI Theatre productions, also will have a major role as the leader of the chorus. Dr. Blevins said they are using a timeless setting and costumes in an attempt to make it a work for all times and all places. Randy Smith is in charge of scenery and lighting.

"Oedipus the King" will be presented at 8 p.m. Thursday through Saturday, April 13-15 and 20-22, with a matinee performance at 2 p.m. on Sunday, April 16. In addition, a special performance will be presented at 9 a.m. on Wednesday, April 19, for gifted and talented high school seniors in the Evansville-Vanderburgh School Corporation.

Tickets are \$5 for the general public, \$3 for USI students, faculty, and staff. Dr. Blevins said reservations are appropriate since some USI students are being required to attend the play. Call (812) 464-1735 for reservations or information.

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The cast of "Oedipus" includes:

Pam Barnard, 8013-A O'Daniel Lane, Evansville (parents, Steve & Kay Allen, RR 3, Bloomfield, IN); USI sophomore theatre major; 1987 Bloomfield H.S. graduate; leading roles in numerous school productions.

J. Christopher Collier, 107 Pemberton Lane, Evansville (parents, Jim and Sandy Collier, same address); USI junior theatre/education/psychology major; 1986 Central H.S. graduate; experience includes Bridge-Vu Dinner Theatre, Playmakers Civic Theatre, Indiana University Northwest Theatre, IU Dance Company, USI Theatre.

LaDawn DeMoss, 1780 Concord Drive, Princeton, IN (father, Jake DeMoss, same address); USI junior theatre major; 1979 Princeton H.S. graduate; active in USI Theatre, currently working on original script to be produced May 6 at USI.

Beth Dietsch, 30 W. Sunrise Drive, Evansville (mother, Patricia, same address); USI freshman management major; 1988 Central H.S. graduate; handled costumes for "Playboy of the Western World."

John Epperson, 2227 Lincoln Avenue, Evansville (mother, Donetta, same address; father, Jay); USI sophomore theatre major; 1982 Evansville Day School graduate; active in USI Theatre.

William Hairston, 1234 Parrett, Evansville; USI sophomore English major; Central H.S. graduate; active in New Harmony and USI Theatre.

Brian Pease, 2401 Glenn Avenue, Evansville; USI junior communications major; 1981 Castle H.S. graduate; active in USI Theatre and Christmas Madrigal dinners, Civic Theatre, and RPE.

Mark J. Pfister, 5623 Booker Road, Evansville (mother, Vicky L. Byrd; father, George M. Pfister); USI freshman communications/theatre major; 1988 Reitz H.S. graduate; active in USI and New Harmony Theatre.

Brian Sajko, 727 SE Third Street, Evansville; USI communications instructor (theatre); native of Gary, IN; 1981 graduate, Andrean H.S., Merrillville, IN; 1985, B.A., U. of Dayton; 1987, M.A., U. of Minnesota; 1989 Ph.D. (ABD), U. of Minnesota.

Conny J. Smith, 2112 Ridgway Avenue, Evansville (husband, Randy K.); 1981 graduate, New Albany, IN, H.S.; 1986, B.S., drama; active in Evansville Dance Theatre, Encore Dinner Theatre, USI Theatre, New Harmony Theatre, UE Theatre.

Sarah Spelbring, 2068 E. Gum Street, Evansville (mother, Pam Spelbring, 3401 N. Columbus Blvd., Tucson, AZ; father, Dan Spelbring, Uniontown, KY); USI freshman English major; 1988 Henderson County H.S. graduate; had roles in productions at Alhambra Theatre, Evansville.

Amy M. Stearns, 727 SE Third Street, Evansville (husband, Brian Sajko); USI junior business administration major; 1986 graduate, Irondale H.S., Minneapolis, MN; varied theatre experience.