

Department of Theatre & Dance proudly presents

TANGO by Slawomir Mrozek

Stage Director		Ga	ry Grant
Scene & Costume Designer	F.	Elaine	Williams
Lighting Designer		S	tan Kaye
Sound Design		Dav	vid Ames

CAST

(In order of appearance)

Eugenia	Mary Kathleen Cullison*
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Eddie	G. Matthew Hannah III
Arthur	Jonathan Uffelman*
Eleanor	Penelope Kokines*
Stomil	
Ala	Elizabeth Moe*

There will be two 10 minute intermissions.

DIRECTOR'S NOTES

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