

STCC theater workshop to stage play about intolerance

SPRINGFIELD - The Springfield Technical Community College Theatre Workshop will bring to the stage two plays in December, including one about coming out...as a left-hander.

The plays, which will be performed back-to-back, are "Some Prepared Remarks," a one-man show written by Jason Gray Platt that covers a man's life in seven short speeches, and the satire "Removing the Glove."

Theater professor Phil O'Donoghue describes "Removing the Glove" as a comedy that shines a light on intolerance faced by teenagers in high school. Written by Clarence Coe, the play is

about a teen who wonders how he can reveal the secret he's been hiding from his family and friends—that he is left-handed.

STCC Professor Eric Brown, an advisor to the college's GLBTA club, said theater-goers will enjoy the thought-provoking play. "The STCC GLBTA Club enthusiastically invites everyone to attend the theater production of 'Removing the Glove,' which reinforces the need to remove stigmas from our vocabulary and replace labels with acceptance and love," Brown said. "We are confident that the audience will leave the theater filled with renewed energy

and hope. At the Dec. 6 performance, there will be the added bonus of a panel discussion involving the GLBTA community. No one will be disappointed."

Performance times are Thursday, Dec. 6 at 11 a.m., after which the STCC GLBTA Club will host a panel discussion; Friday, Dec. 7 at 7 p.m., when theater-goers can pay to see the plays or, for an addition charge, come early to enjoy a pre-performance meal on the seventh floor of Scibelli Hall at 6 p.m.; and Saturday, Dec. 8 at 7 p.m., which will be a benefit for the Enlaces House of Colors, Holyoke's first and only LGBTQ health and resources center, designed

by and for youth who identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender or queer, and which is run by nonprofit family resource organization Enlace de Familias of Holyoke.

Tickets can be purchased at the door for \$8 for general admission and \$5 for students. The cost of the special "dinner and show" package for the Dec. 6 evening performance is \$30 or \$25 for students; theater-goers not interested in the meal can pay the regular ticket price to see the plays. For more information, people may contact Phil O'Donoghue at 413-755-4133 or by email at pcodonoghue@stcc.edu.