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# STAGE CENTER THEATRE

NEWSLETTER

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# Archangels Visit Stage Center in April

Dario Fo's Archangels Don't Play Pinball, a loosely constructed play that lends itself to improvisation and social and political satire, directed by Richard Hesler, will be presented at NEIU's Stage Center on April 6 - 8 & 12 - 15 at 7:30 PM.

Archangels Don't Play Pinball is a play about a young man, Tiny, who lives on the street with his gang and survives through cons such as kidnapping pets from the rich then ransoming them back. Tiny is different from his friends and is the butt of

their jokes and sometimes cruel pranks. In the play, the gang cons a baker into believing Tiny was made ill by the baker's cannolis. The

con is designed to raise money for a prank on Tiny. In the prank, the gang intends

create a mock marriage of Tiny to a prostitute who they will then have for themselves. However, in the chase following the con of the baker, Tiny gets hit on

the head and the bulk of the play is his dream of events that follow.

The wedding takes place, and the gang attempts to seduce An-

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gela, but she falls in love with Tiny and he with her. Next, he goes to

Washington to file for a pension and runs headlong into bureaucracy when he discovers he has been classified as a labrador retriever and must report to a dog

pound to clear his birth. After many other preposterous adventures, Tiny wakes up and the mock marriage to the prostitute takes place. Somewhere during his dream adventures, however, Tiny discovered himself and, now, he asserts his new-found image on his buddies and all ends happily. The underdog of underdogs has his day.

Archangels will be performed at the Stage Center Theatre located at Bryn Mawr and Central Park on the Northeastern Illinois University campus.

"Most of all, I'm fed up with whomever's in charge of manufacturing dreams...Speak up, you archangels. If it's true what they told me when I was a child, that the Lord put you in charge of dream-making, why did you have to come and pick on me...Because if

there's nothing left." Tiny from Archangels Don't Play

**AUDITIONS** we can't even believe in our May 8, 9, 10 dreams any more...then

Pinball

## Not one but TWO shows directed by Richard Hesler

### Cat and the Canary

by John Willard

·A comic melodrama from the 1922 theatre season that is filled with lots of fun scenes

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### Lady Audley's Secret

based on the novel by Mary Elizabeth Braddon

·A very famous melodrama with a seductive villainess, perfect as a light summer comedy.

Summer Stock Performance Schedule

Cat and the Canary June 15-17, 22-24 & 28-30 Lady Audley's Secret July 27-29 & August 3-5 & 10-12 Call 794-6652 for more information.

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