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BAGNOLD'S THE CHALK GARDEN TO OPEN THIS WEEK

The Chalk Garden by Enid Bagnold will open Thursday, November 5 in the University's Stage Center. In it's first weekend, the drama will run three nights November 5 - 7 and the second set of shows will run Wednesday through Saturday, November 11-14.

Anna Antaramian, NEIU faculty member, directs the three act play about an English woman who hires a mysterious governess to care for her granddaughter. Many NEIU students are involved in the production, which is the Stage Center's Mainstage Production for the fall semester.

As with all University Theatre productions, admission is FREE for NEIU students, faculty and Other ticket information: general admission is \$6.00; seniors, non-NEIU students and children are \$4.00. The Stage Center Box Office is open Monday through Friday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and on show nights from 6 to 8 p.m.

SPOTLIGHT ON ANNA ANTARAMIAN, THE CHALK GARDEN DIRECTOR

Anna Antaramian received her B.S. from the University of Wisconsin-Madison and her M.F.A. in directing from New York University. She has always been involved in theatre; there has never been anything that interested her more.

As a member of the Everyman Players, an acting company from Louisana, she toured the U.S. for a year and also performed in Germany at the International Children's Theatre Festival.

Professor Antaramian spent twelve years in New York working in numberous theatres including Circle-in-the-Square downtown, Public Theatre, Actor's Studio, Colonades Theatre Lab, Title Theatre, the WPA and at the Hartman Theatre Company in Connecticut and the Open Door Theatre in Boston. State worked with the famous and the obscure, and a partial list of some of the playwrights and actresses she has worked with includes John Guare, Diane Keaton, Eric Bentley, Madelaine Kahn, Israel Horovitz, Jill Bichenberry.

She is married to writer Patrick McGuire and has five children.

Enid Bagnold (1889-1981), born in Rochester, England, was the daughter of A.H. and Ethel Alger Bagnold. She grew up in Jamaica and returned to England when she was twelve. Later, she attended finishing school in Germany and Switzerland and came back to England to make her debut at eighteen.

ABOUT ENID BAGNOLD

During World War I, she served in an English hospital and in 1918 as an ambulance driver. She married Sir Roderick Jones in 1920; bearing him four children. As Lady Jones she hadquite a busy social life; as Enid Bagnold, she had an active writing career. She died in North London on March 31, 1981.

Her best known work, National Velvet, a story about a butcher's daughter who rides her horse in the Grand National and wins, became a major motion picture and starred Elizabeth Taylor. The novel appeared in 1935 with some illustrations done by Enid's daughter.

Other successful works include the novels Serena Blandish. The Difficulty of Getting Married, and The Happy Foreigner. Her most popular plays were The Chalk Garden and A Matter of Gravity.

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THE CHALK GARDEN
Nov. 5-7, 11-14 at 7.30 p.m. *

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The Spider's Web Dec 0-12 at 7:30 p.m.

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