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*NEIU ANNOUNCES THE CHICAGO
PREMIERE OF DEAR WORLD*

The Stage Center Theatre will present *Dear World* On October 28, 29, 30 and November 3, 4, 5, 6, 10, 11, 12 & 13 at 7:30 p.m. It will be directed by Anna Antaramian and has never before been performed in Chicago.

The musical, based on Jean Giradoux's *The Madwoman of Chaillot*, was written by Jerome Lawrence and Robert E. Lee, with lyricist and composer Jerry Herman. Lawrence and Lee also collaborated on *Inherit the Wind*, *Mame*, *Auntie Mame*, *Look Ma I'm Dancin'*, *The Gang's All Here* and *Only in America*.

Jerry Herman has also worked on *Mame*, *Hello Dolly* and *Milk and Honey*.

ABOUT THE NOVELIST

Jean Giradoux, a French novelist, diplomat and dramatist, was 45 years old before his first play was produced. *The Madwoman of Chaillot* was a great success when it premiered (after Giradoux's death) in Paris and was later performed in London and New York. Other works include the plays: *Tessa* (1934), *L'Impromptu de Paris* (1937), *Bethanie* (1944) and the novels *Bella* (1927) and *La France Sentimentale* (1932).

ABOUT THE DIRECTOR

Director Anna Antaramian came to NEIU four years ago, prior to which she worked professional theatre in New York City for 12 years as director, stage manager, actress and acting coach. She has always loved *The Madwoman of Chaillot* and is thrilled to be working on the musical adaptation *Dear World*.

ABOUT THE PRODUCTION

Dear World revolves around a plot to destroy a part of Paris. A prospector has discovered oil under Chaillot and convinced the president of a large corporation to help him get the oil. The Cafe Francis is on the very spot they want to drill. When the Countess, an eccentric vestige of another time, learns of their plans she rallies all those who people the Cafe Francis and any others she can muster to help her fight against destroying Chaillot. The manner of the fight and the outcome convince us that one person can make a difference.

Dear World will be performed at the Stage Center Theatre located at Bryn Mawr and Central Park on the Northeastern Illinois University campus. Tickets are free for all NEIU students, faculty and staff; \$8.00 for general admission, and \$4.00 for senior citizens, students (other than NEIU) and alumni.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Endgame by Samuel Beckett
December 8, 9, 10 & 11

For information call 312-794-6652