



## SSCC Theatre presents “The Importance of Being Earnest”

p.m. on both Friday, Nov. 7, and Saturday, Nov. 8, and at 3:30 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 9, in the Edward K. Daniels Auditorium on the Central Campus of Southern State Community College, 100 Hobart Drive, Hillsboro.

Jack Worthing (played by Owen Stanton) is a pillar of the community in Hertfordshire, where he is guardian to Cecily Cardew (Madison Hatfield), the pretty 18-year-old granddaughter of the late Thomas Cardew, who found and adopted Jack when he was a baby. For years, Jack has pretended to have a troublesome brother named Ernest. In fact, Ernest is Jack’s pseudonym, an alibi that lets him go off and do as he pleases. No one knows that Jack himself is Ernest. Algernon Moncrieff (Adomas Fabin), cousin to the lovely Gwendolen Fairfax (Hannah Hengler), has begun to suspect the man he knows as Ernest may be living a double life, which he approves of, regarding it as normal behavior. Jack plans to propose to Gwendolen, despite her mother Lady Bracknell’s (Leslie Holmes) protestations. And once Algernon learns of Jack’s sister Cecily, he runs off to the country to propose to her, as Jack’s “brother” Ernest. The problems are resolved in an extremely charming and quite unexpected way as Jack and Algernon discover the importance of being earnest while answering to the name of Ernest.

“The Importance of Being Earnest” also features the acting talents of Mark Holmes, Bronwyn Jones, Tim Koehl and Eric Silcott.

“The Importance of Being Earnest” is directed by Rainee Angles and stage managed by Melissa Griffith, with production design by Rainee Angles and Abraham Martin, sound design by Benjamin Gullett, costume design by Laura Martin, and dramaturgy by Stormi Bledsoe. Fulfilling other crew positions are Brent Angles, Daniel Bragdon, Charlotte Brown, McKenzie Caldwell, Paula Campagna, Micah Claibourne, Micaela Countryman, Mary Cyrus, D.J. Griffith, Jessica Jacob, Sarah Jones, Matthew Mahoney, Jonathan Stewart, Heather Washburn, and Wyatt Wesch.

Tickets for “The Importance of Being Earnest” are on sale now and can be purchased for only \$8, by visiting [www.sscctheatre.com](http://www.sscctheatre.com). At the door, tickets are \$12. Credit cards are accepted for online purchases and at the door. Seats for this production will be reserved, so it is recommended that tickets be purchased early.

Season tickets for SSCC Theatre’s 11th season—t nclude s “The Importance of Being Earnest,” “August: Osage County,” and “The 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee”— an also be purchased online for only \$20, a savings of up to \$16.

For more information about “The Importance of Being Earnest,” the upcoming season and more, please visit [www.sscctheatre.com](http://www.sscctheatre.com).

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