Theatre

TREVOR
Dows Theatre

OCTOBER 30, 31 & NOVEMBER 5, 6, 7 | 7:30 PM
NOVEMBER 1 | 2:00 PM

Written by Nick Jones | Directed by Dennis Barnett

Carried over from our spring 2020 season, “Trevor” will be presented by the Coe Theatre Arts Department using socially distanced actors with face shields and what director Dennis Barnett is terming “corona zones,” a pause during times when close contact would be required. A shift in lighting and sound will signal the pause during which the performer will describe the action and stage directions for the audience. As art imitates life and life and art persist, this staging will further underscore the realities we all are experiencing in a time of extraordinary circumstances. This play is about extraordinary circumstances, but in this modified rendition the human condition will be more acutely visible by necessity and as a means for viewers to witness the new normal in a theatrical gesture.

There’s nothing unusual about an out-of-work actor lounging on his sofa, waiting for his next gig and occasionally driving into town for supplies, except when that actor is Trevor, a 200-pound chimpanzee. Based on a true story, this witty and heartfelt comedy manages to delve into important questions about relationships and our seemingly unlimited capacity to lie to ourselves. Add the layer of staging for COVID-19 precautions and the audience is in for a profound theater experience.

COVID-19 safety protocol will be practiced in the rehearsing, staging and presentation of this production. This event will be open to a limited number of Coe students, staff and faculty for a live audience of no more than 35 socially distanced individuals. All audience members will require a temperature reading and a mask in order to attend and will be directed to a socially distanced seat. A live stream or pre-recorded version of the production is pending streaming rights. Notice of this option will be announced when available.

Coe Theatre productions for the spring term will be announced as plans develop.

TENTATIVE SPRING SCHEDULE

SPRING PLAY NO. 1
FEBRUARY 5, 6, 12, 13, 14 | 7:30 PM
FEBRUARY 7 | 2:00 PM

SPRING PLAY NO. 2
APRIL 2, 3, 8, 9, 10 | 7:30 PM
APRIL 4 | 2:00 PM