

Bite 'n' pieces



Clark College

The Clark College production of "Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?" opens tonight.

'Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf' encourages acting out

Who's afraid of going to the theater?

Don't be. Just be aware that Clark College's current production of the Edward Albee masterpiece "Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?" is no walk in the park.

"It's difficult, it's uncomfortable, it's long. It will challenge our students and our audiences," said director **Mark Owsley**. "It's hugely challenging to the cast."

If that doesn't sound like fun, remember this: "It's an American classic," Owsley said. One that won a Tony Award for best play and would have won a Pulitzer Prize, except the award trustees rejected that decision because of language and themes that were controversial — back in 1962.

The setting of the play is the interior of a troubled marriage, and the most painful dinner party on record. George and Martha are hard-drinking, hard-fighting spouses who don't let the presence of a younger couple blunt their sparring. By the end of act three, when they've delved so deeply into their illusions and fantasies that you can't imagine more, Owsley said, "there's a jaw-dropping twist."

"Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?" will be performed at 7:30 p.m. today; 2 and 7:30 p.m. Nov. 10; and 7:30 p.m. Nov. 15-17 at Clark College, 1933 Fort Vancouver Way. Tickets are \$12, \$10 for seniors and \$8 for students and alumni.

— *Scott Hewitt*