

'Little Women,' with music, thanks to C.S. Lewis Academy



Kim Newton plays 'Jo' and Tim Fodge is Professor Bhaer in the C.S. Lewis Academy production of 'Little Women: The Broadway Musical.'

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The Christian school will unveil the play
May 17 in Wood-Mar Auditorium at GFU

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Themes of life, love, tragedy and war will be explored through song in C.S. Lewis Academy's latest dramatic presentation.

The drama department will present six performances of "Little Women: The Broadway Musical" May 17-19 and 24-26 at George Fox University's Wood-Mar Auditorium. Based on the book by Louisa May Alcott, "Little Women" portrays four sisters growing up during the American Civil War.

Written by Allan Knee, the show features the music of Mindi Dickstein and Jason Howland. The show is directed by C.S. Lewis teacher and theater director Mike McConaughy. C.S. Lewis music teacher Stacey Burchett will

serve as musical director.

McConaughy described the show as "up and fun," with "lots of big music: difficult

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songs and great melodies." He recommended the show to anyone age 8 and older, particularly those who enjoy musicals.

In his 13 years teaching and directing at C.S. Lewis this is

McConaughy's second musical. The first, "Narnia," was produced five years ago.

"The theater department is continually growing and it was time to do another musical," McConaughy said, explaining his return to the genre. "I have a very experienced cast and a strong vocal group and they really wanted to do a musical. We may do another next year."

The ensemble and chorus cast of 24 students, from grades 6-12, features Kim Newton as Jo, David Hite as Laurie, Tasia Thomason as Marmee, Racheal Thomason as Amy, Gabby Van Noord as Beth and Natalie Herigstad as Meg.

Performances will begin at 7 p.m. each evening. Tickets are \$8 general admission and \$6 for seniors and students. For more information or to reserve tickets, contact C.S. Lewis Academy at 503-538-0114.