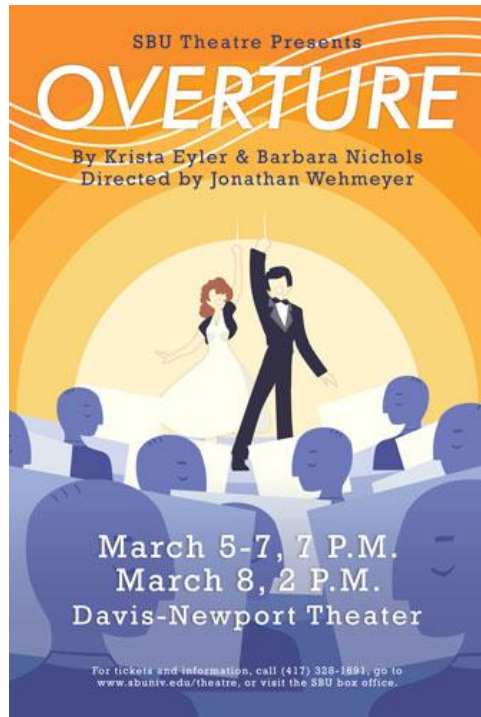


SBU THEATRE TO PRESENT THE MUSICAL "OVERTURE" ON MARCH 5-8



BOLIVAR, Mo. – Southwest Baptist University’s theatre department will present the regional premier of the musical “Overture” at 7 p.m., March 5-7, with a matinee performance at 2 p.m., March 8, in the Davis-Newport Theater on the Bolivar campus.

“Overture,” winner of the New York Music Festival’s Best of Fest award and voted Kansas City’s Best New Musical, is guaranteed to provide a night of entertainment, laughter and song. The story of “Overture” is the story of the 1953-54 season of the Kansas City Philharmonic and its continued struggle to stay afloat.

As told through the character of Lily Brooks, “Overture” follows her experiences selling tickets, meeting the maestro of the orchestra, Hans Schwieger, falling in love and dealing with loss. “Overture is filled with wonderful music, dancing and a beautiful love story.

“‘Overture’ is set in the city I grew up in, in one of my favorite places to be,” said Elizabeth Coulter, a sophomore theatre major at SBU, who is serving as choreographer, as well as portraying Inda Mae Beasley. “I love the story. It’s all about music and what people find to be their inspiration.”

General admission tickets are \$12 for adults, \$6 for children, \$8 for alumni, senior citizens, SBU students and students at other universities. Tickets may be purchased at the SBU Theater Box Office between the hours of 1-5 p.m. Monday-Friday in the Jester Learning and Performance Center, online at www.sbuniv.edu/theatre, or by phone at (417) 328-1691.

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