

Stockton Theater Kicks Off Spring Season with 'Matt and Ben' by Mindy Kaling Feb. 17-21

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Galloway, NJ - Stockton University's Theater Department will kick off its spring season this month with the comedy, "Matt and Ben," in the Experimental Theater on the lower level of the Performing Arts Center on the main Galloway campus. The production will take place from **Wednesday, Feb. 17 - Sunday, Feb. 21**.

Written by Mindy Kaling (best known as writer and actress for television shows The Mindy Project and The Office) and Brenda Withers, "Matt and Ben" is set in 1995 and tells the story of Matt Damon and Ben Affleck when they were struggling actors, long before anyone knew or cared who they were. In an odd turn of events, the heavens open up and down falls the screenplay of "Good Will Hunting." In this hour-long comic ride, we see the pair going through ups and downs in Affleck's run-down Boston apartment. To make things even more amusing, Damon and Affleck are played by two women.

The cast consists of two talented actors, Madelaine Welch, of Galloway, as Ben Affleck and Erica Delbury, of Little Egg Harbor, as Matt Damon. Welch, a junior, can't wait to make her return to the Experimental Theater. She is a Theater Performance major with a Holocaust and Genocide Studies minor. Delbury, a sophomore, is making her Stockton acting debut. She is a Communication Studies major and is excited to work in the theater realm.

Stockton alumna Jessica Sawyer of Williamstown is the director. She said she is overjoyed to give back to the school that gave so much to her. "I have been dying to direct "Matt and Ben" since I first read the show, Sawyer said. "Getting to do it at my alma mater is a dream come true." The Theater Department is pleased to have her return as an experienced theater artist.

"Matt and Ben" plays at the Experimental Theater from Feb. 17- 21st, at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday through Saturday, and at 2 p.m. on Sunday. Tickets are \$10 for General Admission and \$8 for students and seniors with I/D; ticket orders can be made online at stockton.edu/pac or by calling the Box Office at (609)-652-9000.

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The Stockton Box Office is open Monday to Friday from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. and a half hour before each performance. Stockton Performing Arts Center is located in the M-Wing on the campus of Stockton University, 101 Vera King Farris Drive, in the Pomona section of Galloway. For patrons with special needs, the Performing Arts Center offers wheelchair-accessible seating, listening assistive devices and large type programs. Please identify any needs you may have when making a reservation.

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