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## Stockton Presents *A Patch of Earth* To Commemorate and Raise Awareness of Genocide in Bosnia

15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Srebrenica Massacre Includes  
Award-Wining Play, Discussion by Playwright Kitty Felde at College  
and Noyes Museum Oct. 20, 21

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**Galloway Township, NJ-** The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey will feature a special presentation of the play *A Patch of Earth* as a highlight of a month-long series of events held to commemorate, educate and raise awareness about genocide.

*A Patch of Earth*, an award-winning dramatization of war crime tribunals in the wake of the July 1995 slaughter of more than 8,000 Bosnian men and boys, will be performed, and Playwright Kitty Felde, will be feted at a reception and give a talk about the work. It is part of the "Genocide: Never Again?" series of events which also includes an art exhibit, lectures and films.

Felde, a Washington, D.C.-based journalist who covers politics for National Public Radio, was inspired to write the play by her series of reports on war crime tribunals for Rwanda and Bosnia. The production focuses on Drazen Erdemovic, a disinclined soldier who was one of those given orders to kill in Srebrenica, a settlement in Eastern Bosnia. The play allows its audience to inhabit Erdemovic and consider his struggle with guilt. The play questions where personal culpability ends in acts of war and what choices audience members would have made were they thrust into Erdemovic's situation. It has been performed across the country including the National Theatre in Washington, D.C., and Felde received the 2009 Los Angeles Drama Critics Circle Award in recognition of the work.

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The play, directed by Stockton faculty member Christine Farina, and starring Michael Saab-Smith, a resident of Pleasantville, NJ as Erdemovic, will be performed Wednesday, October 20, 7 to 9 p.m. in the Alton Auditorium (A-Wing) at Stockton's campus here. It will be followed by a Q&A session with Felde. On Thursday, October 21, 2010 at the Noyes Museum of Art of The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey in Oceanville, Felde will be honored at a reception, followed by a performance of the play. The event is from 6 to 9 p.m. at the Museum on 733 Lily Lake Road in Oceanville. The reception at the Noyes also serves as a benefit for the women and children of Srebrenica who -15 years later- are still suffering from effects of the war.

Saab-Smith, 24, a junior computational modeling major, and veteran actor of stage and screen, said *A Patch of Earth* is the most challenging work he has ever attempted as an artist. "It is a highly technical play and stretched me as an actor. Much of the play takes place inside the mind of my character. Studying this work and getting to know this character showed me the stark contrasts of the American and Bosnian cultures."

For more information on the play and on the other "Never again?" events, please visit <http://bosniaremembrance.blogspot.com> and [www.onemillionbones.org](http://www.onemillionbones.org)

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