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**UF's School of Theatre + Dance Presents David Ives'  
Adaption of *The Liar* July 9-12 in Constans Theatre**

**Gainesville, Fla., June 23, 2015** — The University of Florida (UF) School of Theatre + Dance's second summer production brings the 17<sup>th</sup> century world of comedy, romance and miscommunication to the Constans Theatre stage in Pierre Corneille's *The Liar*. Adapted by David Ives and directed by Judith Williams, *The Liar* features UF graduate and undergraduate students. Performances will be held in the Nadine M. McGuire Theatre and Dance Pavilion on UF's campus at 7:30 p.m. July 9-11, 2015 and at 2 p.m. on Sunday, July 12, 2015.

*The Liar* features Dorante, a charming young man newly arrived in Paris in 1643 who has one flaw... he cannot tell the truth. As luck would have it, Dorante meets Cliton, a manservant who cannot tell a lie. The two embark on an adventure that is met with several obstacles, from mistaking one woman for another to an arranged engagement. The mound of lies being told creates a wonderfully witty comedy. Along with the two protagonists, audience members are introduced to Clarice; Clarice's close friend, Lucrece; Alcippe, a well-to-do, charismatic young man; and Geronte, Dorante's father. Ives' adaptation takes one of the Western world's greatest comedies and brings it forward with topical references and modern sensibilities.



“Corneille's *The Liar* creates the patina of 17<sup>th</sup> century Paris during the reign of Louis XIV in which to set a clever expose on lying and liars,” said Williams. “This play is relevant because lying is a major theme everyone can relate to. To quote Ives, ‘For in a world where priests and princes lie, the liar blends in like a butterfly.’”

Tickets are \$17 for the general public, and are \$13 for students, UF faculty/staff and senior citizens. Group rates are available for parties of eight or more. Tickets are available through the University Box Office located at Gate 1 of the Stephen C. O'Connell Center, by calling 352-392-1653 or at [ticketmaster.com](http://ticketmaster.com). The University Box Office is open Tuesdays through Fridays 12-5:30 p.m. Tickets can also be purchased at the Constans Theatre Box Office starting 45 minutes prior to the performance.

The Nadine McGuire Theatre and Dance Pavilion is located at 687 McCarty Drive, Gainesville,

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# School of THEATRE + DANCE

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FL 32611. Parking is available across the street from the UF Bookstore & Welcome Center on the University of Florida located on Museum Road.

## About the School of Theatre + Dance

The School of Theatre + Dance is one of the University of Florida College of the Arts' institutionally-accredited schools. Undergraduate students can pursue a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in acting, dance, musical theatre, theatre production—including costume design, lighting design and scenic design—or a Bachelor of Arts degree in dance studies or general theatre. Minors are also offered in dance and theatre as well as certificates in arts in medicine and dance in healthcare. Student organizations, showcase programs and other intensives provide students with invaluable professional experiences. UF is home to three School of Theatre + Dance performance venues, including the Constans Theatre, Black Box Theatre and G-6 Studio. To learn more about the School of Theatre + Dance, including upcoming performance dates and ticket information, visit [www.arts.ufl.edu/theatreanddance](http://www.arts.ufl.edu/theatreanddance).

## About the College of the Arts

The College of the Arts is one of the 16 colleges and more than 150 research centers and institutes at the University of Florida in Gainesville, Florida. The College of the Arts offers baccalaureate, master's and Ph.D. degree programs in its three institutionally-accredited schools — the School of Art + Art History, School of Music and School of Theatre + Dance. The college is home to the Center for Arts in Medicine, Center for Arts and Public Policy, Center for World Arts, Digital Worlds Institute, University Galleries and the New World School of the Arts in Miami. More than 100 faculty members and approximately than 1,200 students work together daily to engage, inspire and create. The college hosts more than 300 performances, exhibitions and events each year. Faculty and students also exhibit and perform at other local, national and international venues. To learn more, visit [www.arts.ufl.edu](http://www.arts.ufl.edu).

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**Photo Caption:** Jake Lesh, right, as Dorante, and Sean Cancellieri, left, as Cliton, in the UF School of Theatre + Dance's production of *The Liar*. Photo by TF Guntrup.