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***Luna Gale* at UF offers “a compelling and compassionate portrait of flawed people making impossible choices.”**

March 22-30

Gainesville, Fla.—The University of Florida School of Theatre + Dance presents Rebecca Gilman’s compelling drama, *Luna Gale*, March 22-30. Gilman’s drama delves into the world of Caroline, a social worker whose latest case about baby Luna Gale becomes a battleground filled with hidden motives, buried secrets and morality itself.

“There are so many people in this country who are overlooked by the media, and I think part of their feeling of despair is that they know they’re overlooked on some level,” Gilman said in an article about the world premiere of her play *Luna Gale*.

Associate Professor Charlie Mitchell is tackling this moral drama that is sure to keep audiences guessing what’s coming next. Performance times are 7:30 p.m. March 22 – 24 and March 27 – 30 and 2 p.m. March 25.

In a 2014 *Chicago Reader* article about the world premiere production of *Luna Gale*, director Robert Falls said, “Caroline is at a crisis point in her life... Her decisions, whether they’re good or bad, make the play.”

Gainesville audiences will be moved by the simplicity and emotional journey that Mitchell has created for this captivating world.

Luna Gale first premiered in January 2014 at the Goodman Theatre in Chicago, Illinois. This production was a major success and since then has been produced and performed all over the United States and Europe. It was so successful that in November 2014, the original Goodman Theatre, cast along with director Robert Falls, restaged the production at the Kirk Douglas Theatre in Los Angeles, California, where it ran until Dec. 21, 2014.

“The play is about people on both sides of the social services system,” Mitchell said. “They try to make life better for themselves or others but are overwhelmed by human frailty. It asks questions about power, our capacity for change, and how our past defines us.”

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Tickets are \$18 for the general public, \$15 for seniors, \$15 for UF faculty and staff and \$13 for students. Tickets can be purchased at the University Box Office, located at Gate 1 of the Stephen C. O’Connell Center. The University Box Office is open Tuesday through Friday from 12 p.m. to 5 p.m. and can be reached at (352) 392-1653 or by email at scoc-info@ufl.edu. Tickets will also be available 45 minutes prior to every performance and can also be purchased online at www.ticketmaster.com. Group rates are available for parties of eight or more.

The Nadine McGuire Theatre and Dance Pavilion is located on the UF campus at 1800 McCarty Drive, Gainesville, FL 32603. Parking is available across the street from the UF Bookstore & Welcome Center 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.

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