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The Blackfriars Theatre

February 18, 1992

Dear Faculty,

The theatre arts department is pleased to announce that we have accepted an invitation to present our production of Timberlake Wertenbaker's Our Country's Good at the American College Theatre Festival (ACTF), to be held February 27-30 in Fairfield, CT. The play, directed by John Garrity, will be presented at the Wien Theatre on the campus of Fairfield University. And in preparation for our "bus-and-truck" tour to Connecticut, we will be giving a free public performance of the play Tuesday, February 25 at 8:00 p.m. in Blackfriars Theatre.

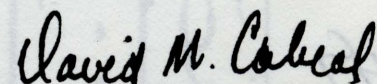
A forum for recognizing outstanding college theatre in the United States, ACTF is divided into eight regions across the country where theatre artists and students come together to discuss and display their craft. Past discussion and workshop leaders have included director Andrei Serban, designer Ming Cho Lee, and Anne Bogart, former Artistic Director at Trinity Rep. This year's festival guests include, among others, Barry Kyle, former director at the Royal Shakespeare Company, London.

Our Country's Good is one of six productions from the New England area selected to perform at this year's festival. The play chronicles the experiences of the first criminals deported from England to the newly established island prison of Australia. Brutalized and disillusioned, the convicts become the objects of an unorthodox experiment of using the theatre to rehabilitate them. The experiment, however, meets stern resistance from the other officers who prefer the harshness of the lash and the noose to the civility of the arts. And while the play doesn't solve the colony's problems, the convicts, hardened to the real world of floggings and chains, are enriched by the experience of the world of make-believe.

Again, the special free performance of Our Country's Good will take place Tuesday, February 25 at 8:00 p.m. in Blackfriars Theatre. We would ask that you announce this event to your classes, and encourage you and your students to attend. As seating is limited, we ask that you call ext. 2218 to make a reservation. Tickets will be distributed on a first-come, first-served basis.

Thank you for your support, and we hope to see you on the 25th!

Sincerely,



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