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Award Winning Off-Broadway hit is AC's 35th production

HCC's Student Arts Collective Presents "The Foreigner", A Perfect-For-The-Holidays Comedy, November 29 to December 16

(Columbia, MD) – The **Student Arts Collective (AC)** of Howard Community College (HCC) will mount 15 performances of the Off-Broadway two-time Obie and one-time Outer Critics Circle Award winner, "**The Foreigner**," written by the late Larry Shue and directed by Susan G. Kramer, from **November 29 through December 16** in HCC's **Blackbox Theatre**. Tickets are \$15 for general admission, \$12 for seniors, and \$10 for students. Tickets are available online at www.howardcc.edu/visitors/studentarts, by calling the Box Office at 410-772-4900, or at the door one-hour prior to showtime. For more information, e-mail studentarts@howardcc.edu, call **410-772-4252** or visit www.howardcc.edu/studentarts.

November 29th through December 16th Performances: Thursdays at 7:30 p.m., Fridays at 8 p.m., Saturdays at 3 p.m. and 8 p.m., and Sundays at 3 p.m. This performance is recommended for audiences 9 years and up and contains mild, mature language and subject matter. No one under 9 years of age will be admitted.

Shue's messages within his skillfully written play, first produced in 1983, continue to strongly resonate today. Honoring the "**The Foreigner's**" naturally warm sentimentality and unbridled comedy, AC's updated production, through diverse casting choices, design concepts and moving the time to "the present," addresses the playwright's style of storytelling, reminiscent of classic films, as well as the significance of universal tolerance not only this time of year, but during this tenuous time in history.

"**The Foreigner's**" relatable (you'll love 'em or you'll hate 'em), vividly drawn characters and clever plot promise to surprise and delight today's theatre-goer. The story takes place at a soon-to-be condemned fishing lodge in Georgia and shows what happens when a group of characters encounter a stranger who (they think) comes from a foreign, exotic land – and speaks no English! The laugh-out-loud merriment begins when "The Foreigner" overhears more than he should while others believe he doesn't understand a word being said! Chock full of twists and turns, "**The Foreigner**" explores the themes of mistaken identity, language lessons, budding romance, devious schemes, fantastic explosions, underdogs, bad guys, heroes, and coming home.

"**The Foreigner**" features Christopher S. Adams, Melissa F. Ivester, Keilyn Durrel Jones, Emma K. McDonnell, Dustin Morris, Bill Stanley, Steven Ward and Melanie Bauer, Lindsay Brezler, Gavin Shown, Chenee Stone.

"**The Foreigner**" **Artistic Team includes** Susan G. Kramer, producer, director; Nischom Silverman, original music composition; Josh Cookson, sound design, engineering; Andrew Haag, light design; Ashanti and Candace Cooper, costume design; Nichole Ward, prop design, set dressing; Mark Smedley, set consultant; Madison Bahr, stage management. For additional crew, visit www.howardcc.edu/studentarts.

The Student Arts Collective, formerly known as Student Alumni Arts, is now in its 13th season and mounts its 35th production with "**The Foreigner**." AC's name change was inspired by the additional eclectic entities recently included in the program, such as Dance Company Concerts, Musical Theatre Revues, Original Works, Improv Groups, Open-Mic's, Summer Programs for Teens and Pre-Teens and more.

Howard Community College's Smith Theatre is located inside the new Horowitz Visual and Performing Arts Center at 10901 Little Patuxent Parkway, Columbia, MD 21044.

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