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Lindenwood University's Theatre Department will present David Margulies' Pulitzer Prize-winning comedy-drama "Dinner With Friends" at 7:30 p.m. on April 29 and 30 and May 1 at the university's historic Jelkyl Theater in Roemer Hall.

Admission to the production is free and open to the public. Roemer Hall is located on Lindenwood's main campus at 209 S. Kingshighway in St. Charles.

Directed by Becca Helms, "Dinner With Friends" revolves around two couples. Gabe and Karen are successful, world travelling food writers, and Beth and Tom are their longtime friends and admirers of their craft. When Beth announces to Gabe and Karen over dinner that Tom is leaving her, the bonds between the foursome are stressed in different ways as old allegiances are tested and new ones must be formed. There are plenty of laughs along the way in what Margulies describes as a "rueful comedy."

"Dinner with Friends is a fantastic and easily relatable story about two couples and how problems within one couple affect all of the relationships between the four," said Helms.

The cast includes Jonathan Elkins and Elizabeth Bowman as Gabe and Karen and Emily Heitmeyer and Chuck Gallaher as Beth and Tom. The assistant director is Michael Juncal, and the stage manager is Ashley Jemes. The technical director is Brian Paladin; light designer, sound designer, and costume designer are Shannon Fedde, Abby L. Powers, and Whitney J. Kaibel, respectively.

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