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El Camino College Theatre Department Presents “Bye Bye Birdie” *“Put on a Happy Face” for This Musical Classic*

El Camino College Theatre Department students will transport the Campus Theatre back to the ‘50s in a can’t-miss production of “Bye Bye Birdie.” The show opens at 8 p.m. April 18, and continues with performances at 3 p.m. April 19, 8 p.m. April 24-April 25, 3 p.m. April 26, 8 p.m. May 1-2, with a final performance at 3 p.m. on May 3.

The Theatre Department closes out its 2014-2015 season with this Tony Award-winning romantic musical comedy that first took center stage on April 14, 1960.

In “Bye Bye Birdie” residents of small town Sweet Apple, Ohio get “all shook up” over news that heartthrob and rock ‘n’ roll sensation Conrad Birdie will visit their city to make a farewell television performance and give his biggest fan a kiss on the “Ed Sullivan Show” before he leaves for the Army.

“Bye Bye Birdie” was written by Michael Stewart. Classic songs like “Put on a Happy Face,” “The Telephone Hour,” “Kids,” and “A Lot of Livin’ to Do” were created by Charles Strouse with lyrics by Lee Adams.

This all-American classic is a crowd pleaser – offering an eclectic combination of humor, dance, nostalgia, satire, and rock ‘n’ roll. El Camino College theatre professor Ronald Scarleta is artistic director for the production.

Part of the show is funded through the Musical Department Fund that was established in 2005 with generous donations from the Les Thomas Family and Hamilton M. Maddaford.

Tickets to “Bye Bye Birdie” are \$25 for adults and \$18 for children 5-12 and under. Children under 5 years of age will not be admitted to ECC Theatre performances. Tickets may be purchased at www.centerforthearts.org, by phone at 310-329-5345 or toll-free at 800-832-ARTS. The Ticket Office is open Monday-Friday 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Campus Parking is \$3. The Campus Theatre is located at 16007 Crenshaw Boulevard, Torrance.

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