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**UF School of Theatre and Dance Presents *Angels in America, Part Two: Perestroika* at UF's Constans Theatre March 28-April 6, 2014**

**Gainesville, Fla., March 26, 2014** — The UF School of Theatre and Dance (SOTD) presents *Angels in America, Part Two: Perestroika*, a production written by Tony award-winning playwright Tony Kushner and directed by UF Assistant Professor Tim Altmeyer March 28-April 6, 2014. Performances are at 7:30 p.m. on March 28 and April 1-5 and at 2 p.m. on March 30 and April 6 in Constans Theatre located in the Nadine M. McGuire Theatre and Dance Pavilion on UF's campus. Tickets are \$13 for UF students, UF faculty/staff and senior citizens, and are \$17 for the general public.

*Angels in America, Part Two: Perestroika* is set in 1985. Ronald Reagan has just been re-elected to a second term, and the deadly AIDS epidemic is at its height in New York City. Kushner's two-part epic historical drama captures the lives of the HIV-positive Prior; Louis, his lover who abandons him; Joe, a closeted gay Mormon; his Valium-addicted wife Harper; Hannah, Joe's mother from Utah; Roy Cohn, a notorious lawyer from the McCarthy hearings, dying of AIDS; Belize, his African-American nurse; and the Angel, a terrifyingly beautiful herald of the apocalypse. Kushner summons a restless pastiche of the historical and the supernatural, the theological and the political—all told with surging theatricality.



From the wreckage of an Angel's dramatic descent from heaven, which concludes *Part One: Millennium Approaches*, *Angels in America* forges ahead in *Part Two: Perestroika*. The AIDS epidemic is escalating, the ozone layer is under attack and God has abandoned all of mankind. Amid this chaos, Kushner creates a cosmic-scale portrait of America through now-legendary characters. Together, their lives intersect and get blown apart with both profound symbolism and brilliant comedy.

***“Angels in America is the finest drama of our time, speaking to us of an entire era of life and death as no other play within memory.” — New York Observer***

Tickets are available through the University Box Office located at the Stephen C. O'Connell Center, by calling 352-392-1653 or at [ticketmaster.com](http://ticketmaster.com). Season and group prices are also available. The Nadine M. McGuire Theatre and Dance Pavilion is located at 687 McCarty Drive,

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Gainesville, FL 32611. On-campus parking is available at the Reitz Union garage and the Museum Road parking lot. Guests are strongly encouraged to pick up tickets early, as shows run the risk of being sold out.

## **About the School of Theatre and Dance**

The School of Theatre and Dance is one of the University of Florida College of Fine Arts' three fully-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 and Dance theaters, including the Constans Theatre, Black Box and G-6 Studio. To learn more about the School of Theatre and Dance, including upcoming performance dates and ticket information, visit [www.arts.ufl.edu/theatreanddance](http://www.arts.ufl.edu/theatreanddance).

## **About the About the College of Fine Arts**

The College of Fine Arts is one the 16 colleges and more than 150 research centers and institutes at the University of Florida in Gainesville, Fla. The College of Fine Arts offers baccalaureate, master's and Ph.D. degree programs in its three fully-accredited schools — the School of Art and Art History, School of Music and School of Theatre and Dance. The college is home to the Center for Arts in Medicine, Center for World Arts, Digital Worlds Institute and the New World School of the Arts in Miami. More than 100 faculty members and more than 1,220 students work together daily to engage, inspire and create. The college hosts more than 300 events each year and faculty and students also exhibit and perform at other local, national and international venues. Guests are welcome to attend college events and visit the University Galleries, University Auditorium and Constans Theatre, among other on-campus arts venues. To learn more, visit [www.arts.ufl.edu](http://www.arts.ufl.edu).

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