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## **Florida Players Opens Fall Season with *Rosencrantz & Guildenstern Are Dead***

GAINESVILLE, Fla. – Florida Players, UF’s student-run theatre group, will kick off its fall 2009 season with Tom Stoppard’s modern classic, *Rosencrantz & Guildenstern Are Dead*.

Two intermittent characters from Shakespeare’s *Hamlet* spend their time “offstage” spinning coins, playing at questions, and generally not getting very far. Rosencrantz and Guildenstern find that their only clues to identity and purpose come from snippets of action provided by the other characters. Amidst their struggles with Hamlet, the Player and her troupe of tragedians, the duo unwittingly moves toward their predetermined fate.

Director Jessie Mutz has created a world of entrapment and illusion, where larger-than-life inhabitants reign and exceed expectation. To the two displaced protagonists, this realm seems infinite, but their journey is in fact contained and follows one single, ultimate direction.

Show times for this limited engagement are Friday, October 23 at 7:30 p.m., Saturday, October 24 at 2p.m. and 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, October 25 at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. As always, the performances are free and open to the public.

Tickets can be reserved through the Florida Players Web site ([floridaplayers.org](http://floridaplayers.org)). For special accommodations, contact Disability Affairs Cabinet, 72 hours in advance. Produced by special arrangement with Samuel French, Inc.

Florida Players is a student-run theater company that provides opportunities for students to explore the world of theatre and showcase their talents in doing so. Sponsored by UF Student Government, Florida Players produces plays and musicals throughout each school year and is open to students of all majors. Since its founding in 1932, the organization's purpose has been to facilitate the acclimation of students into the professional theatre environment. Florida Players offers students opportunities in all aspects of theatre, including direction, design, performance and playwriting, as well as leadership positions. Florida Players also offers master classes led by professional artists in the field, most recently hosting sessions with Tony Award winners Gregory Jbara and Katie Finneran.

### FACT SHEET

What: *Rosencrantz & Guildenstern Are Dead*, presented by Florida Players

Where: Nadine McGuire Black Box Theatre

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Tickets: FREE, available for reservation at [www.floridaplayers.org](http://www.floridaplayers.org)