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University Park, IL—A young woman trapped in the body of a 72-year old. And she’s the normal one in the family. While contending with a hypochondriac mother, a rarely sober father, and a criminal aunt, could there be love on the horizon?

Patrons will want to find out on April 24 & 25 at 8 p.m. when Governors State University’s Theatre and Performance Studies department stages the Pulitzer prize-winning playwright David Lindsay-Abaire’s dark comedy, “Kimberly Akimbo” in Sherman Hall. Tickets are $15 and $10 for students with valid I.D.

Kimberly Akimbo tells the story of a teenage girl who suffers from a rare genetic disorder that causes her 16-year old body to age at four and a half times its normal rate. Despite her condition, Kimberly is the most functional and sane member of her family. When she meets fellow outcast Jeff, an anagram-obsessed geek, she is faced with balancing the emotions of first love, her wild family and her condition. This one-of-a-kind coming of age story is puzzling and unexpectedly heart-warming.

The Los Angeles Times calls it “A breezy, foulmouthed, fleet-footed, warmhearted comedy. There have been many dark comedies about dysfunctional families, but this is one of the funniest.”

This is the fifth production by the new Theatre & Performance Studies (T.A.P.S.) program, recently approved by the Illinois Board of Higher Education as a Bachelor’s Degree; the only such degree combining the two disciplines at a state university in Illinois. Having previously staged works of poetry (Anne Sexton’s “Transformations”), musical theatre (“A...My Name is Alice”), a docudrama (“Still Life”), and classic drama (Lorraine Hansberry’s “A Raisin in the Sun”) T.A.P.S. is excited to present a comedy. The five person cast consists of GSU staff and students, both theatre veterans and newcomers.

How to Buy Tickets
Online: CenterTickets.net
By Phone: 708.235.2222
In Person at the Box Office: 1 University Parkway, University Park, IL
Box Office Hours: Mon-Sat 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Download the Center’s APP: goo.gl/nqy4ul
This play contains mature themes and language.

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