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The Eastern Illinois University theatre arts department will stage five performances of William Shakespeare's "The Tempest" in November.

Performances are set for 7 p.m. Nov. 13-14 and Nov. 16-17, as well as 2 p.m. Nov. 15, in The Theatre, Doudna Fine Arts Center.

"The Tempest" is Shakespeare's romantic-comedic tale of an exiled duke and his daughter marooned on an idyllic mysterious island haunted by spirits and sprites.

Bill Kincaid, professor of theatre and head of acting at Western Illinois University, will serve as guest director. Kincaid, a sponsored visiting artist through Doudna Programs, appeared recently in the New England Shakespeare Festival's productions of "Romeo and Juliet" and "The Taming of the Shrew," and in Chicago as Kent in Vitalist Theatre's "King Lear." He has received the Creative Activity and Outstanding Teaching awards from Western's College of Fine Arts and Communications.



Bill Kincaid

While at EIU, Kincaid will also present at "Re-encountering Shakespeare," the 20th annual Literature Conference for Teachers and Lovers of Good Books, which will be held on campus Nov. 12-13.

Tickets -- \$12 for the general public, \$10 for senior citizens and EIU employees, and \$5 for students -- may be purchased at the door. Advance tickets are available in the Doudna Fine Arts Center box office (217-581-3110) from 11:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday, or one hour before each performance. Tickets may also be reserved via e-mail at doudnatix@eiu.edu.

The Doudna Fine Arts Center, a division of EIU's College of Arts and Humanities, is located one block west of Ninth Street at Garfield Avenue in Charleston.

For more information, visit the Web site at <http://www.eiu.edu/doudna>.