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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

LOCAL STUDENT PERFORMS IN EASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY PLAY

CHARLESTON, IL--Steffani Fort, daughter of Jeff Fort and Dea Fort of Oak Park, was recently selected to perform in an Eastern Illinois University theatre production of "The Effect of Gamma Rays on Man-in-the-Moon Marigolds," by Paul Zindel.

"...Marigolds," winner of the Pulitzer Prize, the Obie Award, and the New York Drama Critics Circle Award, is Paul Zindel's play about an embittered, vindictive widow and her two young daughters.

In the play, Fort portrays Ruth, a "pretty but high strung, bratty and selfish daughter, who is subject to convulsions."

Fort, a senior theatre arts major, is a 1988 graduate of Oak Park-River Forest High School.

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