University Theatre to perform play
Students to act in children’s story about magical creatures

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The University Theatre is presenting an adventurous children’s play with magical creatures and a buried treasure that can be enjoyed by people of all ages.

The play’s first public performance is at 7 p.m. today on the mainstage of the Doudna Fine Arts Center. A second performance will be at 2 p.m. Sunday.

Jean Wolski, director and assistant professor of theatre arts, said the play has already been performed seven times for different schools, and “the kids really like (the play).”

The play is a tale set in the deep woods of Boglewood where gold lies within belonging to a group of faeries that is protected by magical and wild creatures named Spriggans, a press release said. The gold means life to the Spriggans and faeries.

Casey Smith, a greedy landowner, attempts to steal the gold and Brian, a hired youth helping to dig up the gold, is faced with the fate of choosing the gold or helping his new friends whose very existence relies on the gold.

“Children’s plays have a lot of energy and the actors have to be as good, if not better, for a children’s play,” she said.

The actors are Seth Berry, a senior theatre major, who will be performing his last play before graduating. Berry is playing “the Bogle,” and Wolski said the play is his third children’s play.

Damen Edwards, a sophomore theatre major, plays Brian the young hero; Jason Blackburn, sophomore theatre major, plays Casey Smith the greedy landowner; Robyn Lyons, junior theatre major, plays the queen of the faeries; Debbie Donovan, junior English and theatre major, plays a faerie and Jennie Pepsnik, freshman English and theatre major, and Liz Marfia, sophomore theatre major, play the hideous Spriggans.

The play is open to the public and is $6 for adults, $3.50 for seniors, children and Eastern students. Tickets can be reserved at 581-3110.