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## **STAC'S LAETARE PLAYERS PRESENT *THE RIMERS OF ELDRITCH***

**(Sparkill, NY – November 18, 2008)** – On November 20, 2008 the St. Thomas Aquinas Laetare Players will premiere their fall production: *The Rimers of Eldritch*, a murder mystery by Lanford Wilson. A cast of nearly twenty will take to the stage in St. Thomas' Sullivan Theater for an evening of suspense and murder! For more information and tickets call 845-398-4144 or e-mail [laetare@stac.edu](mailto:laetare@stac.edu).

*The Rimers of Eldritch* focuses on the murder of a man. The circumstances of the murder are unknown and the audience is introduced to the small fictional Mid-Western town of Eldritch. As the play progresses and the nuances of Eldritch are exposed, lives become connected with the murder trial, and gossip and theories circulate. The unusual relationships in *The Rimers of Eldritch* highlight the stereotypes of "bible-belt America" and coincide to bring the play to life.

"The Rimers of Eldritch has long been a staple of American collegiate theatre repertory. It requires a high level of skill from the performers and represents a raising of the bar for the Laetare Players," commented Dr. Evan Matthews, assistant professor of music and the production's director. "Our students have risen to this challenge admirably and the result will be a provocative and satisfying evening of theatre."

Lanford Wilson is one of the most prolific American playwrights and a unique voice in the American Theatre. A Pulitzer Prize winner some of his other plays include: *Burn This*, *Talley's Folly's*, *The Fifth of July* and *The Hot L Baltimore*.

Performances begin at 8:00 p.m. on Thursday, November 20, Friday, November 21, and Saturday, November 22. An additional performance will take place on Sunday, November 23 at 3:00 p.m.. Tickets for this student performance are \$6 for students and \$8 for adults. For reservations contact the Music and Theatre Office at 845-398-4144 or e-mail [laetare@stac.edu](mailto:laetare@stac.edu).

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