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UMM Meiningens
In association with the UMM Theatre Discipline
Presents

*The Shape of
Things*
By Neil LaBute

Directed by Nick Lostetter

December 5th-7th, 2007 at 7:30 pm
December 8th, 2007 at 2:00 pm

Director's Notes:

I was reminded why I love theater the other night. I sat watching the cast and crew warm up for rehearsal while at the same time they were dancing and singing along to swing music. In that simple moment, they encompassed all that is versatile and invigorating about student theater. In front of me was a group of individuals with incredibly diverse backgrounds. They all auditioned or volunteered for different reasons but have come together to achieve the same goal: A show worthy of their talents. A tall order for any group of busy students, but that is what Meiningens student theater group has been accomplishing for decades. Meiningens creates a forum for individuals of all years and majors to work together in creating a full scale production acted by students, designed by students, managed by students, and yes, even directed by students.

This has been the perfect cap to my time here at Morris in that it has been that most challenging and rewarding experience in my academic life. I hope *The Shape of Things* means as much to you who are watching it tonight as it has meant to me over these past several months. Hopefully you will go home tonight with thoughts on past relationships good and bad, and the boundaries and definitions of art. There is much more that could be said about this show and the tenacious people that have worked on it, but instead I will leave you to enjoy the show.

~Nick Lostetter*

* In partial fulfillment of his senior project under the advisement of Deidre Onishi

Cast

Adam: Tim Schmidt
Evelyn: Erin Denman
Jenny: Emily Denny
Phillip: Nick Parker

Production Staff

Director: Nick Lostetter
Stage Manager: Jaima Solie
Assistant Stage Managers:
Ally Roberts
Jake Cline
Technical Director: Scott Bloom
Set Design: Scott Bloom
Costumes: Chelsea Wren
Hanvey
Lights: Alex Clark
Lighting Assistant: Chelsea Bell
Sound: Abby Swafford
Props: Laurel Cutright
Props Assistant: Kristen Leighton
Producers: Erin Denman
Barrett Vann
House Manager: Selma Petterson

Construction Crew

Graham Berg-Moberg
Jason White
Andrew "the Bear" Wyman
Donald Raphael

Operators and Run Crew

Anna Jessup: Chelsea Bell
Max Schmidt: Brittany A Schilla
Alicia Mengelkoch: James Person
Will Holmes: Donald Lappen

Produced through special arrangement with the Broadway Play
Publishing Company Inc.

The script to this play may be purchased from B P P I at
BroadwayPlayPubl.com

Produced originally at London's Almeida Theatre directed by
Neil Labute in 2001.

Special Thanks:

Jason Rasinowich

The Women's Soccer Team

Ashley Lostetter (For all her love and patience)

Harper Lostetter (For being beautiful)

Dave Swenson

Rita Lambert

UMM Theatre Faculty

Elia Kazan

Emily Helgerson

Jill Schoeppner

Family and friends of the director, cast, and crew

All others who donated time and resources

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