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Pulitzer-Prize winning play

opens Theatre Laurier season

Crimes of the Heart, Beth Henley's Pulitzer-prize winning first play, opens Theatre Laurier's season with performances Oct. 25, 26 and 27 at 8 p.m. in the Theatre Auditorium at Wilfrid Laurier University.

"You know how it feels on a real bad day?" the play asks.

Your horse has been struck by lightning, you discover that your sister, the Hollywood singer, is really working for a dog food company, and your baby sister has shot her husband because she doesn't like his looks. And today is the day you turn 30.

Crimes of the Heart looks at just such a day as it explores the lives of three sisters who live in a small town ruled by convention. They are all victims and perpetrators of crimes of the heart--unavoidable when you love.

Expect memorable characters and a glimpse of everyday life, plus some unconventional problems that will leave you with fresh insights and raised spirits.

Since the set of the play recreates a realistic, functioning kitchen, the student crew spent weeks begging and borrowing from family, friends, landlords, other universities and professional companies.

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Thanks to the generosity, and the attics and garages of these people, the crew found a bronzed baby shoe, cast iron pots, salt and pepper shakers shaped like chickens, kitchen cupboards, and even the kitchen sink, with running water.

Crimes of the Heart is directed by Theatre Laurier's Leslie O'Dell, assistant professor of English at the university, who delighted theatre-goers last year with her first offering locally, Rimers of Eldritch.

Tickets, at \$5 for adults and \$3 for seniors and students, are available at the door or from the Student Union information centre.