

CSUH Theatre To Restage 'Butterfly'

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The Cal State Hayward Theatre will remount its production of "I Never Saw Another Butterfly" by Celeste Raspanti, a work it staged last spring.

The play, which deals with the Nazi concentration camp of Terezin, will be in the Studio Theatre for three performances Nov. 1-3.

Of the 15,000 children to pass through Terezin, fewer than 100 survived. Raja Englanderova was one of those. "Butterfly" is her story.

The Terezin ghetto was used by the Nazis to cover up the genocide of the Jews during World War II. It was the site of a staged inspection for the Red Cross in 1944 that served to hide the reality of death camps such

as Auschwitz.

In the ghetto, the children wrote poetry and drew pictures that were buried for safekeeping.

Ten years after the war these were combined into a collection titled "I Never Saw Another Butterfly." The play is based on that collection.

"Hope," according to director Karen Moore, "is the metaphor for the entire play" - and her reason for wanting to direct it.

"It is much more than a reminder of the atrocities," Moore said. "It is a revelation of the

purity and strength of spirit which sustained children in the midst of such horror, hope which survivors received from them al-

the cast to reprise their roles in the show.

"Many of the cast members felt a very strong spiritual lift from their participation and that inspired many of them to re-work their schedules in order to do the show," said scenic designer Ed Wright.

Wright's set is constructed of steel and barbed wire and incorporates visual elements of photographs taken of the site both before and after the Allied invasion.

"I just tried to copy as much of it as I saw and bring all of that into the design," Wright said.

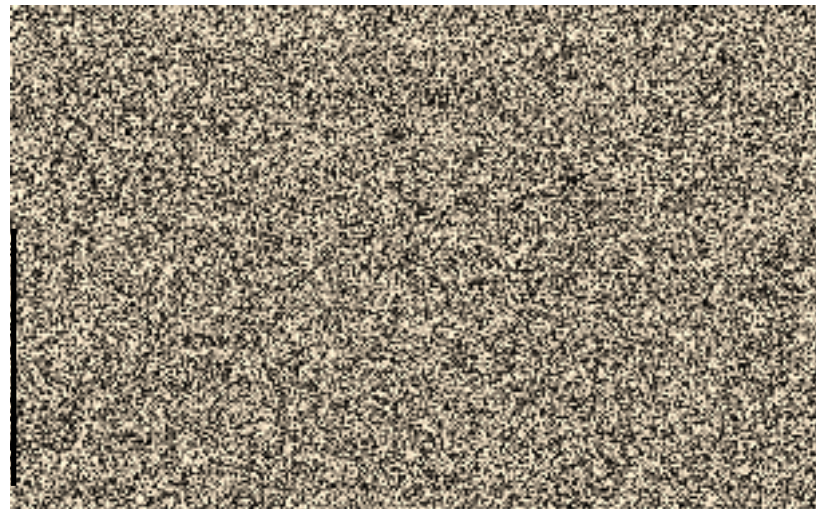
Performances of "I Never Saw Another Butterfly" will be Nov. 1 and 2 at 8 p.m. and Nov. 3 at 2 p.m. in the Studio Theatre. Ticket information is available at (510) 885-3261.

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Audiences were so moved by the production last spring that the Theatre Department decided to stage it again in the fall quarter so that more people would have a chance to experience it.

Another factor in the re-staging was the willingness of much



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