

# 'Charlotte's Web' on the CSUEB Stage May 4-5

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*Charlotte's Web*, E.B. White's heart-wrenching story of love and friendship, will be Cal State East Bay's spring family theatre production with performances on Friday, May 4 at 8 p.m., and Saturday, May 5 at 2 and 8 p.m.

All shows will be held in the University Theatre on the Hayward campus of Cal State East Bay, 25800 Carlos Bee Blvd. Tickets are on sale for \$7 for general admission, \$6 for youth and seniors, \$5 for CSUEB students, \$3 for children, and \$16 for a family of up to two adults and two children. Tickets can be purchased by telephone at (510) 885-3261.

A. Fajilan will be director of the show that features a cast of humans ranging in age from "6-ish to 60-ish." The production also includes puppets of all sizes.

"This is only Fajilan's first year, but already I see her inspiring students and faculty alike to wonderful and imaginative ideas for her shows," said Thomas Hird, chair of the CSUEB Department of Theatre and Dance. "I'm sure children will enjoy the playful puppets and climbing Charlotte the cast and crew are creating for our unique production."

"Come laugh as Wilbur becomes the 'Media Darling-The IT Pig' of the County Fair Circuit," said Fajilan. "The silliness begins with tremendous help from his best friend Charlotte, Cavatica the spider, Templeton the rat-his partner in crime; the Giddy Goose; the Cranky Sheep; the Mischievous Lamb; the Thoughtful Gander; and, of course, Faithful Fern. Children of all ages will find something to smile about."

"This is a magical play that will hook any young person on theatre," said Benjamin Bowser, interim dean of the College of Letters, Arts and Social Sciences. "Turn off the television and come see the real thing."

Additional information is available online at: [http://class.csueastbay.edu/theatre/Tickets\\_and\\_Box\\_Office\\_Information.php](http://class.csueastbay.edu/theatre/Tickets_and_Box_Office_Information.php)<sup>[1]</sup>.

This show will also be performed the week of May 7-11 for school children. Reservations for school classes can be made by telephone at (510) 885-3118.

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