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Press Release

BCRAC's Nightlife on the Susquehanna Series presents "The Gin Game"

Guthrie Performing Arts Center in the Sayre Theatre

Thursday, January 14, 2010 at 7:30PM

Tickets are \$15. Call 570-268-ARTS (2787) to reserve tickets

The Bradford County Regional Arts Council joins with the Winding River Players to open the New Year with a spicy production of D.L. Colburn's *The Gin Game* on Thursday, January 14th at 7:30 PM at the Guthrie Performing Arts Center in the Sayre Theatre.

This winner of the 1978 Pulitzer Prize, which originally starred Jessica Tandy and Hume Cronin and revived in 1999 with Julie Harris and Charles Durning, now comes to you with our own Julie Larnard-Newbury and Joe Newbury. This tragic-comedy in two acts uses a game as a metaphor for life. Weller Martin is playing solitaire on the porch of a seedy nursing home. Enter Fonsia Dorsey, a prim, self-righteous lady. They discover they both dislike the home and enjoy gin rummy so they begin to play and to reveal intimate details of their lives. Fonsia wins every time and their secrets become weapons used against one another. Weller longs for a victory to counter a lifetime of defeats but it doesn't happen. He leaves the stage a broken man and Fonsia realizes her self-righteous rigidity has led to an embittered, lonely old age.

"A thoroughly entertaining lesson in the fine art of theatrical finesse... The closest thing the theatre offers to a duel at 10 paces." - *NY Times*

"Extremely intelligent . . . fine bittersweet comedy. . . . Funny, sad, profane, eloquent, touching, beautiful" - *WABC-TV*

"Perfect. . . .A vibrant study on loneliness, disillusion, old age and death yet fiercely funny." - *Boston Globe*

The Winding River Players celebrate 30 years of theatre in 2010, a milestone for Bradford County's oldest community theatre. *The Gin Game* opens at the Sayre Theater on January 14th for a one show performance as part of Bradford County Regional Arts Council's "Night Life on the Susquehanna" series. Tickets are \$15 and can be reserved by calling the BCRAC at 570.268.ARTS (2787).

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More information can be found at the BCRAC website: www.bcrac.org. The BCRAC thanks all of its season sponsors of the Nightlife on the Susquehanna and its community patrons for making the live performance series a success.

Please see attached photos.

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