Trinity High thespians debut plays

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TRINITY — Trinity High School’s Thespian Troupe 4305 will produce “Red Herring” and “Why do We Laugh?” as part of its Fall One Act Play Festival at 7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 28 and Saturday, Oct. 29; and at 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 30.

Set in a dark and stormy night, Red Herring depicts actors rehearsing for a murder mystery who find themselves trapped in a life threatening situation. Author Russell D. Jones leads the audience in a hunt to find out who is really whom in this fantastic farce poking fun at the most famous of dramatic literary genres.

Fleming Barto, who has been a Trinity Thespian for two and a half years, is enjoying his stint playing Inspector Harello in Red Herring.

“He moves around a lot and is the loudest character in the show and therefore a fun character to play,” said Barto.

“Last year I played Lurch in the Addams Family so I just walked around and groaned.”

In Why Do We Laugh by Stephen Gregg, one night while Andrew Powers is working on his obituary, his life comes alive in striking and dramatic fashion. Which memory will he choose to be most important, and how can we all learn to enjoy the contact we make with others along the way?

With scenes that take place in 1919, 1929 and the 1950s, the wardrobe department rose to the challenge to locate period-appropriate costumes.

Olivia Gillaspie is looking forward to playing 16-year-old Meredith. “I can relate to her a lot and the place where she is coming from.”

“I can portray myself through this character,” said Anna Wood, who plays Meredith at age 67.

Tickets are $5 for students and $8 for adults and may be purchased at the door.

Trinity High School theater is at 5746 Trinity High School Drive, Trinity.

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Above: Trinity High School’s Thespian Troupe 4305 will produce “Red Herring” and “Why do We Laugh?” as part of its Fall One Act Play Festival this weekend. Pictured here is the cast of “Why Do We Laugh?” In this one-act play by Stephen Gregg, one night while Andrew Powers is working on his obituary, his life comes alive before the audience in striking and dramatic fashion. Below: A game of Clue? No, it’s the Trinity High School Thespian Troupe cast of “Red Herring.”