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"Gertrude," a one-hour comedy described as a valentine to Gertrude Stein, will be presented April 13 at 8 p.m. in the main lobby of The Evergreen State College Library. The play, performed by The Empty Space Theater Association of Seattle, is sponsored by the Evergreen A.R.T.S. academic program. Admission is \$2 at the door.

Written by Wilford Leach, "Gertrude or Would She Be Pleased to Receive It," was first presented by Empty Space in 1974 and has played to thousands of people at the company's 100-seat Seattle home.

Combining comedy and mystery, music and dance, the play records the events that ensue when the sensible Gertrude, her passionately peculiar friend Isadora and her pet dog Ernest attract the fancy of a passing teenage angel. In a series of short, dream-like scenes, author Leach creates a charming private world where angels tango with middleaged ladies, dogs tap dance, and it can be sunset and daybreak at once. As the theater critic Murray Morgan said, "the total effect is one of surrealism without strain...This valentine to Miss Stein is funny, touching, and, in its strange way, true."

The Empty Space Association, termed "the most exciting, disciplined and intense theater company in the Pacific Northwest" by the Seattle Post Intelligencer, was founded in 1970. This is its first Pacific Northwest tour.

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