

HOLYOKE

HCC ready for 24-hour theater festival

Festival honors late HCC drama teacher Leslie Phillips

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Non-stop drama and comedy await audiences as Holyoke Community College presents its third annual 24-hour theater festival on Saturday.

Alumni, along with students from the HCC Theater Department will come together and put on an evening of one-act plays written in just 24 hours. The genres of the play are fantasies, comedies, dramas or any other style that comes to mind during the creative process.

This year, the theater festival has been renamed the HCC Phillips Theater Festival in order to honor the memory of Leslie Phillips, the late HCC drama instructor who's work inspired the festival.

Like the previous two festivals, this one is a benefit show, and all of the proceeds



Here, students play out a scene from the first HCC 24-Hour Theater Festival in 2016. This year's festival takes place on Saturday.

will go to the Leslie Phillips Fund for Theater Arts and Education at Holyoke Community College.

The entire Phillips Festival team, which consists of members Kate Bonci, Denise Boutin, Linda Hegarty, and Lisa Poehler have collectively stated that they believe that they are properly honoring

Leslie Phillips.

"Leslie Loved theater," the Phillips team said in a statement. "She relished the creative process - bringing

something from the page to life - and that is the essence of this Festival."

According to the team, several alumni, current students,

IF YOU GO

Event: HCC Phillips Theater Festival
When: Saturday, 7:30 p.m.
Where: Leslie Phillips Theater, Holyoke Community College, Holyoke
Admission: \$15 general admission; \$10 for students, seniors, HCC faculty and staff; 413-552-2485 or go to hcc.edu/alumni-events
More information: hcc.edu/about/news-events-and-media/events/philips-festival

and members of the local theater community have already signed up for the festival.

Anyone interested participating in the HCC Phillips Theater Festival can register at hccplayers@gmail.com or on the HCC Alumni Players Facebook Page.