

'The Laramie Project: Ten Years Later' at LTCC

How does a community deal with and recover from a tragedy that shocked the entire world? Lake Tahoe Community College Theater Arts Department will explore that question in its production of "The Laramie Project: Ten Years Later."

The play by Moisés Kaufman, Stephen Belber, Leigh Fondakowski and Greg Pierotti seeks to understand a town that is forced to cope with the aftermath of a brutal hate crime, while also facing their own biases and fears under the media spotlight.



"The Laramie Project: Ten Years Later" will be at LTCC this month. Photo/Provided

The play, an epilogue to the original "The Laramie Project," will be presented Nov. 15, 16, 21, 22, 23 at 7:30pm, and Nov. 16 and 24 at 2pm in the Duke Theatre. Discussions with the cast and audience will follow each performance. The play contains mature subject matter and may not be suitable for children under 15.

In addition to revisiting the people whose words make up the original play, the epilogue includes interviews with the two murderers, as well as Matthew's mother, Judy Shepard.

Zeina Barkawi, a close friend of Matthew Shepard's, will be joining the director and cast for a discussion with the audience following the Nov. 17 matinee performance. Barkawi is also featured in the new documentary film, "Matt Shepard is a Friend of Mine."

Tickets are \$10 for general admission, \$7 for seniors and groups of eight or more, and \$5 for students with a valid student ID and children under 13. Tickets may be purchased in advance at the LTCC Bookstore Monday through Thursday 10am-7:30pm and Friday from 9am-2:30pm. The Box Office will open one hour prior to performances. For information, call (530) 541.4660, ext. 207.