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Foothill College Instructor Performs *Into the Wake of the Moon* One-Man Show Profiles Life & Drama of Eugene O'Neill

Editors & Reviewers: You are cordially invited to attend a performance. To arrange complimentary passes, call (650) 949-7258.

Foothill College English and Humanities Instructor Kurt Gravenhorst will perform *Into the Wake of the Moon* **May 9 and 10** in the Studio Theater at Foothill College in Los Altos Hills. Evening performances are **May 9 and 10 at 8 p.m.** An afternoon matinee will also be presented **May 10 at 2 p.m.**

The idea for the play came to Gravenhorst when he attended a conference 16 years ago. Today that idea has evolved into *Into the Wake of Moon*, a one-man one-act play on the life of Eugene O'Neill. Gravenhorst, of San Jose, portrays American playwright Eugene O'Neill in a performance that explores the connection between O'Neill's life and his drama.

"O'Neill is known for bringing realism to the American stage, but he brought so much more," said Gravenhorst. "He created a distinctly American drama of tragic beauty, exultance and revelation—and brought to the American theatre the religious spirit of the ancient Greeks. O'Neill himself said, 'The stuff of drama comes out of your life, not out of your head.' His life is the drama I wanted to present."

The Eugene O'Neill Society also recently selected Gravenhorst's play for performance next month at Danville's Tao House where O'Neill lived from 1938 through 1945.

Gravenhorst came to Foothill College in 1985 from the semi-conductor industry where he was a technical writer and training manager. He holds a bachelor's degree in education and master's degree in English from the University of Nevada, Reno; and a master's degree in humanities from California State University, Dominguez Hills.

Parking lots 1, 5, 6 and 7 provide easy access to the Studio Theater. Visitors must purchase a campus parking permit for \$2. Foothill College is located off I-280 on El Monte Road.

Tickets are \$10, general. To purchase tickets online, access www.foothill.edu. To purchase tickets via phone, call (650) 949-7360.