The Department of Theatre and Dance in the College of Charleston School of the Arts is pleased to present the profoundly moving play *Dancing at Lughnasa* by Brian Friel. This 1992 Tony Award Winner for Best Play is the semi-autobiographical story of the playwright’s childhood. Set in County Donegal, Ireland, in 1936, it is the story of the five Mundy sisters and is told through the memories of Michael, the love child of one of the sisters. Widely regarded as Friel’s masterpiece, this beautifully written play is full of dark humor, passion and tenderness and also explores the cultural heritage of Ireland.

The production is guest directed by Miranda Cromwell of The Bristol Old Vic Theatre (Bristol, England), which is the longest continuously-running theatre in the UK. The Old Vic produced the Broadway and international hit, *War Horse*, which garnered six Tony Awards in 2011. For the 2013 Spoleto Festival USA, the Old Vic staged *A Midsummer’s Night Dream* at the Dock Street Theatre. This engagement helped to spark an educational partnership with the College’s Department of Theatre and Dance.

The production will run February 20-25, 2014. Curtain times are 7:30 p.m., except on Sunday, Feb. 23 at 3:00 p.m. only. Tickets are $15 general admission and $10 for senior citizens.

**Support the School of the Arts’ production of *Dancing at Lughnasa***!

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