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Eastern Department of Performing Arts Presents “John Brown’s Body”

Willimantic, Conn. – The Performing Arts Department of Eastern Connecticut State University will present a production of “John Brown’s Body” in the Harry Hope Theatre at Shafer Hall, located at the corner of Windham and Valley Streets. Performances will be held at 11 a.m. and 8 p.m. May 2, at 8 p.m. May 3 and at 4 p.m. May 4. The public is invited. Tickets are \$5 for Eastern students and children under 12; \$10 for Eastern faculty, staff, and alumni; and \$12 for the general public. The production will be the final show of the spring season.

“John Brown’s Body” is directed by Eastern performing arts professor and director of theatre Ellen Faith Brodie, who will be assisted by Eastern performing arts professor Jerry Winters. The show is adapted from a Pulitzer-prize winning poem of the same name, written in 1928 by American Stephen Vincent Benét. The backdrop for “John

Brown's Body" is the American Civil War. The poem chronicles the battles and shows them from the angles of different characters.

"Each scene has a variety and vitality due to the many creative voices involved. The show has a fresh vitality due to the students' contributions and interpretations," said Brodie. Students from Brodie's Reader's Theatre class will stage and participate in the production for their final class project.

To reserve tickets, call the box office at (860) 465-5123.

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