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Belhaven College To Present Shakespeare's *The Taming of The Shrew*

JACKSON, Miss. (March 9, 2004) – The Belhaven College Theatre Department will present Shakespeare's *The Taming of The Shrew* March 24 through 27 and March 30 through April 3. Performances begin at 7:30 p.m. each night in the Flexible Theatre of the Belhaven College Center for the Arts, located at 835 Riverside Drive.

Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$5 for students, children and seniors. To reserve tickets, call the Belhaven College box office at (601) 965-7026.

Belhaven's rendition of this ageless classic on relationships is enriching for the entire family. The play whimsically transforms both Kate, a woman with an ungovernable spirit and fiery temper, and Petruchio, a suitor resolved upon marrying and taming her into a manageable wife. This is a delightful Shakespearean comedy with a happy ending.

This production, a collaboration between the Belhaven theatre and music departments, is very classical in nature. Among the enhanced features of the production is a two-story stage replicating elements of Shakespeare's Globe Theatre. The stage comes alive with actors, musicians, dancers and jugglers, each emphasizing the renaissance period of Italy. The stunning costumes were designed and constructed by students.

To encourage audience involvement in the drama, the stage is arranged in an intimate "thrust" layout, with the audience seated on three sides of the stage.

Dr. Lou Campbell, chair of the theatre department, directs and choreographs the production while Frank Dolansky is responsible for the Technical Direction.

Belhaven College is a Christian liberal arts college with campuses in Jackson, Miss., Memphis, Tenn., and Orlando, Fla. The vision of Belhaven College is to prepare men and women academically and spiritually to serve Christ Jesus in their careers, in human relationships and in the world of ideas.