



*The Zoo Story*, presented by RMCC Theatre will advance to the (KCACTF) Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival regional. *The Zoo Story* will be one of six shows performing at the regional festival to be held on the campus of the University of Oklahoma, on February 21-25, 2012. Arkansas, along with Texas, Oklahoma, Louisiana, New Mexico and Missouri are part of Region VI. *The Zoo Story* was presented on the campus of RMCC in October, and was then taken to the Arkansas State Festival at Henderson State University. *The Zoo Story* was presented five awards at the state festival including: Respondent's Choice Award, Irene Ryan nomination for Steven Morris, Excellence in Acting/Directing for Robby Burt, Excellence in Program Development, and the golden crowbar award for load in/load out.

*The Zoo Story*, by Edward Albee (*Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?*) takes place in New York's Central Park and delves into the chance meeting of a book publisher, and a man of the streets. The final collision between the characters is one of the great endings of American Theatre. Steven Morris plays the character Peter, and Robby Burt portrays Jerry.

Productions invited to the regional festival will be considered for national awards or distinguished achievement, to be presented at the KCACTF national festival at the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts in Washington, DC in the spring of 2012. Last year more than 1,300 productions were entered in the KCACTF involving more than 200,000 students nationwide. By entering this production, our theatre department is sharing in the KCACTF goals to recognize, reward, and celebrate the exemplary work produced in college and university theatre across the nation.

*The Zoo Story* will be presented again in February on the campus of RMCC before the regional festival dates. For more information, contact Robby Burt at RMCC, 479-394-7622 ex. 1338.