Keeping the lights bright at Clemson Little Theatre

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PENDLETON — Officials at Clemson Little Theatre (CLT) are hoping to keep the theater's historic stage lit into the future.

But, during the current economic downturn, that has become a daunting task that has given impetus to a "Festival of Lighting" fundraiser this Saturday, Nov. 14 to ensure that the theater lights don't go dim.

The night will be packed with refreshments and quality entertainment.

Beginning at 6:30 p.m., there will be a pre-performance reception in Cox Hall, located next to the main theater building.

Wine, punch and hors d' oeuvres will be made by the chefs and writers of the CLT cookbook.

At 8 p.m., the Showoffs will take the stage, performing "The Complete Works of William Shakespeare (Abridged)."

The show is a spoof of the bard's immortal tragedies, comedies and histories. Three hard-working actors perform in amusingly abbreviated form.

This fast-paced show, like Shakespeare's plays themselves, is recommended for adults.

Written by Adam Long, Daniel Singer and Jess Winfield, the play premiered at the Edinburgh Fringe Festival in 1987 and later at the Criterion Theatre in London, where it ran for nine record-breaking years.

It has become one of the world's most popular shows, performed in a variety of languages. It holds the self-proclaimed world record for the shortest-ever version of "Hamlet," clocking in at 43 seconds.

A post-performance reception also will take place in Cox Hall, so audience members can meet the cast.

Call (864) 646-8100 to make reservations and purchase tickets for $30 each, which includes wine, punch and hors d'oeuvres.

"It's going to be a very fun night for a good cause," said Barry Richards, a representative from CLT.



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Board of Directors member Alice Ray, left, and Event Designer Mickey Dewitt prepare for the fundraising gala to be held at Clemson Little Theatre on Saturday night.

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