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### **Cal Poly Pomona Stages U.S. Premiere of Hard-hitting South African Play 'Full Circle' Award-winning Drama Performed in Studio Theatre April 24-26**

POMONA, Calif. — April 21, 2008 — Cal Poly Pomona's Theatre Department will stage the U.S. premiere of the award-winning South African play "Full Circle" April 24-26 at 8 p.m. in the Studio Theatre.

The hard-hitting drama is written by acclaimed poet and playwright Kobus Moolman. It is directed by Christopher Hurst, a South African scholar teaching at Cal Poly Pomona through the prestigious Fulbright Scholar program.

"Full Circle" follows two girls, Meisie and Boetie, who lost their father during a hijacking. Meisie, who is blind, never forgot the voice that laughed as her father was shot. Seven years later, a police inspector arrives at the farm where she lives, and his voice is strangely familiar.

"The play deals with bigotry, prejudice and religious fundamentalism," said Hurst. "I think an American audience can find connections with these topics."

"Full Circle" has had successful runs in South Africa at the Market Theatre and the Grahamstown Festival, a well-known national South African theatre event where it premiered in 2005. It was awarded the Jury First Prize in the third PANSAs Festival of Reading of New Writing.

This play is recommended for mature audiences only. Tickets are \$10 for general admission and \$5 for students. Cal Poly Pomona is located at 3801 W. Temple Ave. in Pomona. Parking permits can be obtained for \$5 at the Visitor Information Booth along Kellogg Drive. For more information, please call the Theatre Box Office at (909) 869-3800.

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