

Milligan senior stages play

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Dan Ott, a senior at Milligan College, will present "A Number," a two-man tour de force written by the contemporary British playwright Caryl Churchill, on April 1, 2 and 3, at 7 p.m. in Milligan's McMahan Student Center.

All performances are free and open to the public. Doors open at 6:45 p.m.

The play is produced, directed and performed by Ott, a native of Wooster, Ohio, as his senior showcase. Dr. Dennis Elkins, professor of the practice of theater and humanities at Milligan, will play the role of Salter. "A Number" deals with both the essentials and extremities of human experience. Written in 2003, the play revolves around Salter, a man who subjected his 4-year-old son to cloning in an ethically murky situation in order to get a "better" child. The play takes place years later when his cloned son confronts Salter about the past. All of a sudden, Salter is thrust into a whirlwind of memories bringing him face to face with his first child. Salter must try to piece together the past for his sons while dealing with his own guilt and confronting any number of his son's clones.

"The questions that this brilliant, harrowing play asks regarding the ethics of cloning and child-rearing must be addressed," said Ott. "Only lasting an hour, 'A Number' contains more drama, ideas and tension than most full length plays achieve in their entirety."