

'The power of words'

Nationwide exhibit, Anne Frank play coming to SSCC

A national exhibit surrounding the life of Anne Frank will be open to the public at Southern State Community College's Hillsboro campus this March, followed by a production of "Diary of Anne Frank" at the beginning of April.

"Let Me Be Myself" is the title of the exhibit, which includes 30 three-by-six-foot panels displaying text and images related to Frank's life, according to Southern State Theatre Department Director Rainee Angles. Angles said some of the panels depict contemporary youths discussing prejudice and other topics that affected the Frank family in the mid 1900s, connecting Frank's life to the youth of today.

"That idea was very important to Anne's father, Otto Frank," Angles said. "He was astounded at how bright and insightful she was as a 12-year-old girl. It was very important to him that young people learn about the Holocaust and what they went through."

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“The audience will get to see what daily life was like in hiding, how they had to be quiet a good deal of the time so they wouldn’t be discovered, how they had to ration food.”

Angles said working on the play has already been a powerful and emotional experience for the cast and crew.

“Not only is it an educational historical piece, but also a piece that evokes empathy for everyone involved,” Angles said, “The artists and the audience.”

Pre-sale tickets for the theatre production will be available online beginning March 3, 2020. Visit