

[Commemorating the 30th anniversary of the establishment of GIST and the 10th anniversary of the club's founding] Student theater club GiDaeRo performs 'Physicists'

- Student theater club 'GiDaeRo' will perform a new adaptation of Swiss playwright Friedrich Dürrenmatt's play published in 1962 at the CT Art Hall in the GIST administration building on November 24th and 25th
- Tickets will be distributed on site starting at 7pm on the day... Anyone, including local residents, can attend for free



▲ Event poster: This is a poster for the 17th regular performance, a play commemorating the 30th anniversary of GIST and the 10th anniversary of GiDaeRo. The meaningful expressions of men and women surrounded by a red line are a highlight.

The Gwangju Institute of Science and Technology (GIST, President Kichul Lim) will hold a play by the student theater club 'GiDaeRo' on Friday, November 24th and Saturday, November 25th at 7:30 pm to commemorate the 30th anniversary of the institution's establishment and the club's 10th anniversary by performing 'Physicists'.

'GiDaeRo' (faculty advisor Professor Hisam Kim) will adapt Swiss theater artist Friedrich Dürrenmatt's play 'Physicists' (directed by Min-sang Kim), published in 1962, into an exciting play with a running time of 105 minutes.

GIST's student theater club 'GiDaeRo' lives up to its name, an abbreviation of 'GIST Daehakro', and has received praise from audiences by producing fun and emotional plays such as 'Dead Poets Society' and 'Welcome to Dongmakgol' and musicals such as 'Bungee Jumping' and 'Laundry'.

Since its founding 10 years ago, 'GiDaeRo' has consistently performed three works every year, including regular performances every semester and a welcome performance during winter break. It is characterized by a strong passion for performance and a strong relationship among members, such as meeting 2-3 times a week to prepare for performances and actively interacting with senior members of the club.

The play 'Physicists' is a work that points out the duality of science through events filled with breathtaking tension, and, as the original author Dürrenmatt said, "The truth is always a delusion" because it twists the real world we live in.

A murder case occurs in which three nurses in charge of three physicists admitted to a psychiatric hospital in Switzerland run by world-renowned psychiatrist Dr. von Chant are strangled to death in succession. The plot is that the dark side of science is revealed through discussions between the physicists as events unfold.

The three physicists are Ernesti, who believes he is Einstein, Beutler, who believes he is Newton, and Moebius, who believes he received a revelation from King Solomon.

It raises questions about the identity of psychiatrist von Chant, who manages a mental hospital isolated from the world, and what are the three physicists are doing inside the hospital.

'Physicists', a work suitable for the 30th anniversary of the establishment of GIST, a university specializing in science and technology, was selected as the performance work for the 10th anniversary of the club's founding, and 'GiDaeRo' added interest by adapting the original work to keep the audience immersed throughout the play.

'GiDaeRo' adapted the original German text of 'Physicists' with the help of director Kyung-woo Park, a graduate of the Korea National University of Arts, and with reference to the 'Physicists' video from Soongsil University Dibune, while reducing elements related to German culture. Complex words were modified to make them easier to understand so that the audience could easily understand the topic. Lighting was arranged to suit the size of the art hall and the number of actors, and a new stage set was also created.

This play features director Minsang Kim (School of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science), assistant director Jeong Gyu-jong (Division of Liberal Arts and Sciences), stage director Jaeseok Lee (Department of Chemistry), staff members Cheoljun Park (Department of Chemistry), Hyowon Lee (Division of Liberal Arts and Sciences), Hyemin Joo (Division of Liberal Arts and Sciences), Hyukjae Hong (Division of Liberal Arts and Sciences), and actors Soo-min Lee (School of Life Sciences), Haewon Ahn (School of Mechanical Engineering), Youngmin Lee (Department of Physics and Photon Science), Seungju Oh (School of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science), Jaehwa Shim (School of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science), Yebin Park (School of Materials Science and Engineering), Suhyeon Park (Division of Liberal Arts and Sciences), Jaeil Kim (School of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science), Seungchan Kang (School of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science), and Younghae Lee (Division of Liberal Arts and Sciences).

Division of Liberal Arts and Sciences Professor Hisam Kim, who has been advising GiDaeRo for many years said, "This time, 'Physicists', which was planned and prepared by 'GiDaeRo', will be an interesting opportunity to share the issues about science and society raised by the recent topical movie 'Oppenheimer' in a theatrical format depicted with the students' resilience and passion. In the future, I hope that 'GiDaeRo' will become a theater group loved not only by GIST but also by local residents."



▲ Casting: Soo-min Lee (School of Life Sciences), Haewon Ahn (School of Mechanical Engineering), Youngmin Lee (Department of Physics and Photon Science), Seungju Oh (School of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science), Jaehwa Shim (School of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science), Yebin Park (School of Materials Science and Engineering), Suhyeon Park (Division of Liberal Arts and Sciences), Jaeil Kim (School of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science), Seungchan Kang (School of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science), and Younghae Lee (Division of Liberal Arts and Sciences)

Student Minsang Kim, who is the director of 'Physicists', said, "While preparing for this large-scale play, I gained confidence to take on even more diverse plays in the future. We plan to use colored lighting to create a much more immersive performance, and we are also preparing a performance in the library's small theater."

The play 'Physicists', which starts at 7:30 pm at the CT Art Hall on the 1st floor of GIST's administrative building on Friday, November 24th and Saturday, November 25th, is free for anyone over the age of 12, and starts at 7:00 pm on the same day. Tickets will be distributed on site.