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ELIZABETH RIVER THEATRE COMPANY
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CALENDAR: THE SHAPE OF THINGS

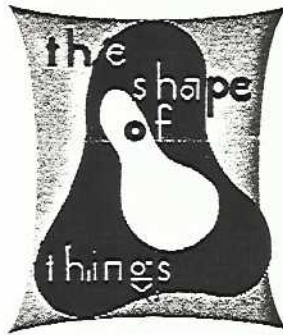
A co-production with the Theatre Program of ODU

December 12, 13, 18, 19 & 20

January 8, 9, 10, 15, 16 & 17

(always 8 PM)

Stables Theatre of Old Dominion University
(47th Street & Monarch Way, Norfolk)



By Neil LaBute

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The Play

A nice enough young man falls in love with an arts student - and soon finds himself turning into a new, improved version of himself... Here is what the *Daily Mail* of London said about the premiere of *The Shape of Things* in May 2001: "LaBute is the most gifted, intelligent and wittily moral American playwright since Wallace Shawn; that is high praise, believe me. And this play marks his theatrical maturity. **It's a must-see.**"

The Playwright

It is hard to believe, but no play by Neil LaBUTE has ever been staged in Hampton Roads - film buffs here may be more familiar with his work: How about *In the Company of Men?* *Your Friends and Neighbours?* *Nurse Betty?* *Possession?* And yes, since this past summer, there is also his own movie adaptation of *The Shape of Things*, starring Rachel WEISZ, Paul RUDD, Gretchen MOL and Frederick WELLER.

(NARO Expanded Video has them all; and this is not even a paid advertisement!)

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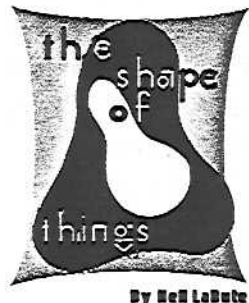


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Since you are on our mailing list, you have probably encountered our work before: From *Die Fledermaus* in a historic Olde Towne home through *Nathan the Wise* at the Chrysler Museum, we have built a reputation for exciting, off-beat, relevant theatrical events. We are (still) operating without a permanent space, but - as usual - we have found a great home for this show:

The Coproduction

Old Dominion University's theatre program is a natural partner: Its renown as a breeding ground of exceptional on- and back-stage talent is growing - regionally, and even on a national scale. And, without discriminating against anybody else around here, we are happy to tap into this pool. When we realized that our production of *The Shape of Things* was chock full of ODU graduates (actually, on both sides of the finish line), it made immediate sense to coproduce it. Our commitment: ERT is making a weighty donation for the student scholarship fund, knowing there will be enough artistic return for all of us. If you support us with your patronage, you also support them!



The Cast

With Sandra Pilár HERNANDEZ, Karen LEVY NEWNAM,
Brad McMURRAN and Matthew MOZINGO.

Directed by Natasha BUNNELL, designed by Jill SNAPP (Set), Rose HENDERSON-DIEHL (Costumes) and Stephen MURPHY (Light).

The Ticket Deals

Regular admission for *The Shape of Things* is \$ 15. BUT you qualify for one of our lean, mean \$ 8 deals if...

...you are a student, military, senior citizen or any combination thereof

...you are among the artists we have previously had the pleasure to work with (in any capacity on any of our 5 shows so far)

...you come in a couple (which is especially challenging, because *The Shape of Things* may in fact be the greatest anti-date play ever - but perhaps it is worth to look at that special someone in your life under the circumstances of this play!)

In any case, call our ticket line for reservatios: 647-2745 !



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