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RWU Theatre program founder William Grandgeorge to guest direct original 1971 production, kick-off Performing Arts Center's 25th anniversary celebration



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BRISTOL, R.I. – Roger Williams University Theatre program founder William Grandgeorge will return to campus this September as guest director of the RWU freshman class production “This is the Rill Speaking.” First produced on the RWU campus 1971, the historic reproduction marks the 40th anniversary of the theatre program on campus and the 25th anniversary of the RWU Performing Arts Center.

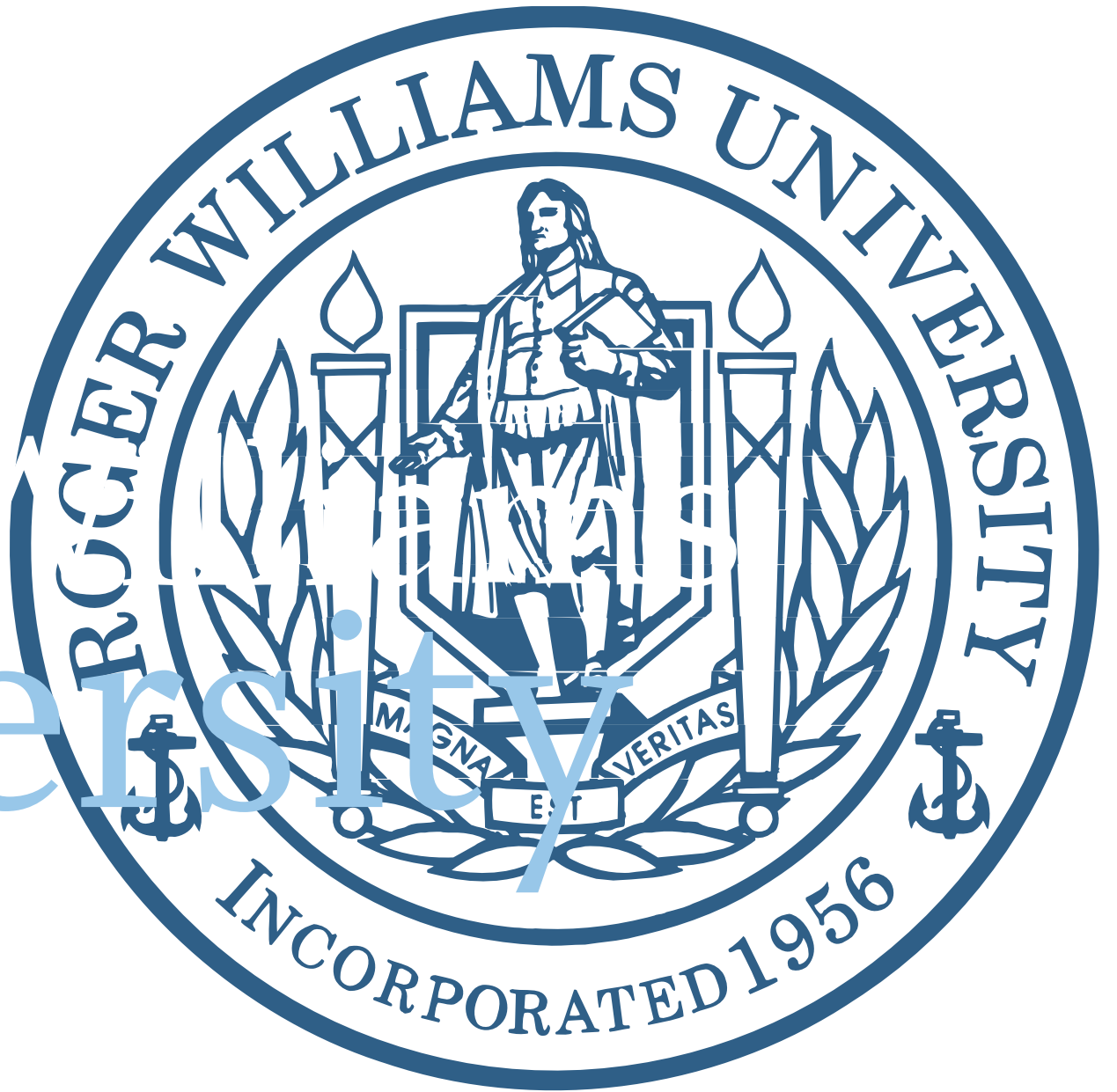
A favorite of years past, “This is the Rill Speaking” evokes the everyday ups and downs of small-town American life. The poetic, one-act play by Lanford Wilson is the annual freshman show and will be performed entirely by new students as they begin their theatrical careers at Roger Williams University. William Grandgeorge, who directed the play’s original run at RWU, was a driving force for theatre on campus, instituting the related London Study Abroad Program, the University’s first study abroad experience.

Performances will run **Sept. 23** and **24** at 7:30 p.m. Tickets cost \$4 for general admission and \$2 for students and senior citizens. The Performing Arts Center is located on Roger Williams University’s Bristol campus at One Old Ferry Road. To reserve tickets, call the Theatre Box Office at (401) 254-3666. More information about the production can be found on the RWU Theatre website at: <http://departments.rwu.edu/theatre>.

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