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(St. Petersburg, Fla.) April 1, 2010 – Local playwrights and theater veterans will gather Monday, April 5 for, “An Evening with the Playwrights,” the first Studio@USF St. Petersburg event. Speakers will discuss the process of transforming words on a page to performances on a stage.

This event is free and open to the public.

Monday, April 5, 6:30 p.m.

Snell-Williams Courtyard at USFSP

(SW Corner of 2nd St S and 5th Ave S in downtown St. Petersburg)

The university has partnered with the Studio@620 and City of Writers to bring Studio@620 Co-Founder and Artistic Director Bob Devin Jones, American Stage Artistic Director Todd Olson, playwright and performer Aleshea Harris and playwright Heather Jones together for a freewheeling discussion and presentation. John Conlon, adjunct professor at USFSP and board president of the St. Petersburg Little Theater, will moderate.

“This will be a fun, behind-the-scenes look at how a play evolves,” said Thomas Hallock, associate professor of English at USFSP and the event organizer. “We want aspiring playwrights and theater lovers to join us for this interactive evening.”

Hallock teaches the internship course, “Text, Performance and the Arts,” in which USFSP students have worked with St. Petersburg’s Studio@620 throughout the semester.

A business meeting of the City of Writers will precede “An Evening with the Playwrights,” at 5 p.m. The City of Writers is a coalition dedicated to increasing the profile and status of writing in St. Petersburg. Participating organizations include The Poynter Institute for Media Studies, The Studio@620, Eckerd College, and the University of South Florida St. Petersburg.

Meetings of the City of Writers are free and open to the public.

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