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# Lots of laughs earn standing ovation at UA's 'Misalliance' premiere



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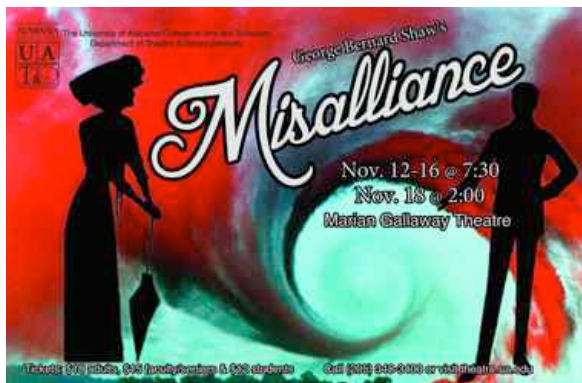
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TUSCALOOSA, Alabama --  
**The University of Alabama Theatre and Dance department**

(<http://theatre.ua.edu/>)

brought another comedy to UA last night.

UATD premiered George Bernard Shaw's English comedy "**Misalliance**" in the 305-seat Marian Galloway Theatre.



UATD's production of George Bernard Shaw's "Misalliance" opened Monday night in Marian Galloway Theatre. (Photo Courtesy of UATD)

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"Misalliance" at Alabama undergraduates, graduate students and an Associate Professor of Acting, several of whom appeared in other plays this semester.

Samuel Hardy (who plays Julius "Gunner" Baker) and John Paul Sneed (as Bentley Summerhays) were both in this semester's production of the zany comedy "Fools." Jeff Horger (as Lord Summerhays) appeared in this semester's jazz play "Side Man."

"Misalliance" takes place in a single afternoon in the Tarleton house. The Tarleton family and the Summerhays men are going about their usual behavior when an airplane falls from the sky.

Ironically, this happens after Hypatia Tarleton (Bridget Winder) has wished for "adventure to drop out of the sky."

The comedy shows the irony of relationships and marriage while also poking fun and

making light of them.

"Misalliance" drew a varied crowd of Alabama students and Tuscaloosa residents, all of which seemed to enjoy the play.

Laughter was heard from beginning to end in the Marian Gallaway. Sometimes, the actors themselves had to stifle laughter at their cast mate's jokes.

Every actor got a laugh from the crowd at some point, but the audience seemed particularly tickled by John Tarleton's character.

Associate Professor Seth Panitch brought John Tarleton's animations to life and kept the crowd roaring from start to finish.

Alabama freshman Meghan Sharman came to see "Misalliance" for her theater class but ended up really enjoying the two-hour comedy.

"It was good, funny. I liked the humor," said Sharman. "I thought the actors were really good. They played the characters really well and were really going in-depth with them."

The rest of the audience seemed just as pleased with the actors, they received a standing ovation at the curtain call.

In the lobby following the ovation, people could be heard raving about the cast and their acting skills.

"Misalliance" will run from Nov. 13-17 at 7:30 p.m. in the Marian Gallaway Theatre in Rowand Johnson Hall. The final show is Nov. 18 at 2 p.m.

For more information on tickets, visit the **UATD website** (<http://theatre.ua.edu/>).

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