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LANGUAGE, SEX AND POWER ON STAGE & ON CAMPUS
The Gamm Theatre hosts Shared Sundays for *Oleanna*

PAWTUCKET, RI (March 28, 2004) — The Sandra Feinstein-Gamm Theatre (The Gamm) is pleased to host “**Language, Sex and Power**” — fourth in a series of **Shared Sundays** humanities-based discussions with artists and scholars, supported by a grant from the Rhode Island Council for the Humanities (RICH). “Sex, Language and Power” will take place on Sunday, April 3 at 3:30 p.m. following the matinee performance of ***Oleanna***. The event will be held in The Gamm’s performance space at 172 Exchange St., Pawtucket, and is **open to the public at no charge**.

***Oleanna* director Judith Swift** and **special guest Atty. Lynette Labinger** will explore the ethics of pedagogy, in particular the boundaries and limitations of the professor-student relationship. Gender constructions and the breakdown of language are among the topics to be woven into a discussion surrounding David Mamet’s controversial play. Gamm Theatre Dramaturge Jennifer Madden will act as facilitator.

Judith Swift is a professor of both theater and communication studies at the University of Rhode Island, where she currently serves as interim vice provost for academic affairs.

Lynette Labinger, Esq. is a partner in the Providence law office of Roney & Labinger, and a volunteer lawyer for the Rhode Island affiliate of the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU).

Jennifer Madden is a Ph.D. candidate in theater studies at Brown University. She is an adjunct faculty member at Wheaton College, where she teaches various courses in theater arts.

The fifth and final *Shared Sundays* of The Gamm’s 2004-2005 season will be held on **May 29** during the run of ***The Beard of Avon*** by Amy Freed.

Show attendance not required. For more information call (401) 723-4266.

About Rhode Island Council for the Humanities

The Rhode Island Council for the Humanities is an independent state affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities. Its mission is to inspire and support intellectual curiosity and imagination in all Rhode Islanders through lifelong learning in the humanities.

About The Gamm

Founded in 1984 as Alias Stage, the nonprofit Sandra Feinstein-Gamm Theatre performs great works of the classic and modern theater in an intimate setting that fosters the vital relationship between author, actor and audience. As the cornerstone of The Arts Exchange at the Pawtucket Armory, The Gamm seeks to engage and enrich the community through affordable entertainment and educational programming.