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Textile Artifacts Sought

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The Touring Theatre of North Carolina will present a show at Richmond Community College's Cole Auditorium in September entitled "Piecework." RCC is planning a display of textile artifacts in conjunction with the performance.

The show was adapted for the stage by Brenda Schleunes from Barbara Presnell's book by the same name. The book is a collection of poems detailing the lives, work, and dedication of textile workers, as told from the first-person perspective.

Artifacts are being sought for a temporary display. The items will be displayed in the Lobby of the Cole Auditorium for the evening of the performance. Staff will assure the safety of the items.

"We are working with local artist and educator Kelly Wheeler, who has created several works of art and various pieces of furniture relating to the theme, but we are also encouraging any local citizens with pieces of history relating to the textile industry to contact us by telephone," Auditorium Director Joey Bennett said.

Bennett added, "We will arrange a drop-off date and time a few days before the performance when contributors can contact us. Contributors will take their items home with them following the performance. "

RCC President Dr. Dale McInnis said our textile industries are a rich and important part of the heritage and history of Richmond County and should be remembered. Providing a display gives all of us a glimpse into the past and gives textile retirees the opportunity to share stories with children and grandchildren about their lives

Requests for information about the performance and tickets should also be directed to the Cole Auditorium Box Office at (910) 410-1691 or by visiting the Cole Auditorium on the RCC campus.