Directors Donald Grube (‘Dragon Jaws’) and Susan Stuart, (‘The Real Inspector Hound Director’) illustrate their respective plays, opening Friday.

Cabrillo to present two new plays

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Cabrillo College’s Theatre Arts is presenting a pair of new plays in the Black Box Theatre on the Cabrillo campus, one written by one of the famed names in modern theater, the other a debut for a local playwright.

Tom Stoppard’s “The Real Inspector Hound” is a spoof of the ever-popular murder mystery genre that breaks the fourth wall with a play-within-a-play as theater critics are drawn into the mystery playing itself out on stage.

Stoppard’s play is paired with “Dragon Jaws,” a new play by Santa Cruz’s Susan Forrest, which combines two ancient Japanese folk tales into a story of monks, cranes, horses and goddesses.

The shows run in repertory, beginning Friday and running through May 3 at 7:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays and 2 p.m. Sundays. Details: cabrillovapa.com.