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***RED LIGHT NIGHT:***  
***“Art on Trial: Censorship vs. Freedom of Expression”***

**CAPE GIRARDEAU, MO--** Thursday, September 10, at 7:00 p.m., the Arts Council of Southeast Missouri will host their second *Red Light Night* with the topic “Art on Trial: Censorship vs. Freedom of Expression.”

Dr. Kenneth L. Stilson, Professor of Acting, Directing, and Musical Theatre and Chair of the Department of Theatre and Dance, will lead “Art on Trial.” Dr. Stilson has worked as a professional director, writer, and actor including in such theatres as the Lincoln Center (NYC), American Academy of Dramatic Art/Hudson Theatre (Hollywood, CA), Southern Repertory Theatre (New Orleans), and the First Run Theatre (St. Louis). Additionally, he directed and co-wrote the feature film, *Fire Lily*, based on his own award-winning play *Where the Lilies Grow*.

During several theatrical productions, Dr. Stilson has encountered censorship first-hand in the Southeast Missouri community. During *Red Light Night*, he will speak of these experiences and conclude the session with a Question & Answer session, open to audience members.

*Red Light Night* is a series of after-hours discussions on controversial and taboo topics within the arts. *Red Light Nights* will be presented by guest lecturers and panelists at the Arts Council of Southeast Missouri in Downtown Cape Girardeau on select Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. Please note, topics and discussion are intended for a mature audience.

Join other arts supporters in controversial discussions during *Red Light Nights*. The Arts Council of Southeast Missouri is located at 32 North Main Street in Cape Girardeau, MO. Galleries are open Tuesday- Saturday, from 10am to 4pm.