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University of Saint Mary Announces 2006-07 Theatre Season Opening with "Cinderella," The Musical *7:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 5, 2006 – Xavier Theatre*

(Leavenworth, Kan.)—The University of Saint Mary Fine Arts Theatre Department announces its 2006-07 theatre season which opens Thursday, Oct. 5 inside USM's newly renovated Xavier Theatre. This year's opening production features Rogers and Hammerstein's classic musical retelling of "Cinderella."

"Cinderella," the classic fairy tale adapted by Rodgers and Hammerstein, opens at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 5 and runs through Saturday, Oct. 7. "Cinderella" is an all-ages show. Admission is \$10 for adults, \$5 for students. Season tickets can be purchased for \$25 and groups of 25 or more can purchase tickets for \$3 per ticket.

"Cinderella" is the story of a teenage girl forced to do all of the boring, tedious tasks in the home she shares with her callous stepmother and stepsisters. One day when home alone, Cinderella shares a cup of water with a thirsty traveler, not realizing until the traveler continues on with his journey that he is the crown prince of the kingdom. Shortly after, the king and queen invite every young maiden in the kingdom to a royal ball so that the crown prince can find a girl to marry. Cinderella's stepmother and stepsisters go to the ball, leaving Cinderella behind to work and wonder about the evening's events. While daydreaming, Cinderella is visited by a fairy godmother, who makes her wishes to come true.

Most commonly known as a Brother's Grimm tale, "Cinderella" has been adapted and changed to suit audiences for generations. Originally presented on television in 1957 featuring Julie Andrews, "Cinderella" became the most widely viewed program of its time. Later adapted in the 1960s, the 1965 television version featured Lesley Ann Warren, Stuart Damon, Ginger Rogers and Walter Pidgeon. Adapted for the stage by Rogers and Hammerstein, "Cinderella" is one of the most well-known productions worldwide.

In addition to "Cinderella," USM's 2006-07 theatre season also includes "The Nutcracker," "Dog Act," and "The Good Woman of Setzuan." Show times for each are:

"The Nutcracker," (*All Ages Show*)

Adapted by June Walker

7:30 p.m., Dec. 8 and 9 –

10 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Dec. 1, 7, 8

"Dog Act," (*Suitable for Adults Only*)

By Liz Duffy Adams

7:30 p.m., Feb. 22 – 24

"The Good Woman of Setzuan" (*Suitable for Adults Only*)

By Bertolt Brecht

7:30 p.m., April 26 – 28

The University of Saint Mary Xavier Theatre is located on the south east side of the University of Saint Mary Campus, 4100 South 4th Street, Leavenworth, Kan. Call 913-758-6152 or email trebusd@stmary.edu for ticket information, additional show information or for the complete 2006-07 theatre schedule.

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