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**"An Evening of Scenes:" University of Saint Mary
Opera Workshop Class Hosts Unique Presentation**

7 p.m. Friday, March 16 Xavier Theatre

(Leavenworth, Kan.)—After months of preparation, University of Saint Mary students are ready to take a giant step into the spot light of USM's own Xavier Theatre.

As part of Dr. William Krusemark's Opera Workshop Class, the students are set to present "An Evening of Scenes," at 7 p.m. Friday, March 16 inside Xavier Theatre. Admission is free and open to the public.

"An Evening of Scenes" will feature some of USM's greatest musical talents including Ruthie Dessert, junior soprano from Leavenworth, Vanessa Campagna, junior soprano from Kansas City, Mo., and Ryan Harris, master's program tenor from Kansas City, Kan.

The program will include most of the first act of Mozart's "The Marriage of Figaro" as well as scenes and duets from his "Cosi fan tutte" and "The Magic Flute." Other scenes on the program are taken from "The Tales of Hoffmann," "Werther," "Martha," "Carmen," and "Patience"(a relatively unknown operetta by Gilbert and Sullivan).

Other featured students include Jeff Swanson, senior tenor from Grove City, Penn., Taylor Gillespie, senior bass from Pueblo, Col., Jesan Barnes, senior mezzo-soprano from Omaha, Neb., as well as sophomore sopranos Janelle Withee and Gabrielle DePaul and members of the Concert Chorale. Krusemark will sing the role of Count Almaviva in "The Marriage of Figaro."

The program will last approximately 90-minutes and will be followed by a reception in the Saint Mary Social Room. Call 913-682-5151 extension 6460 for more information.

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