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University of Saint Mary 2010-2011 Theatre Season Opens Halloween Weekend with 'Dracula' *Calendar of Fine Arts-Music Events Also Announced*

(Leavenworth, Kan.)—The University of Saint Mary department of fine arts has announced USM's calendar of theatre and music events for the coming 2010-2011 academic year. This year's USM Theatre season opens with "*Dracula*" and includes a return of Christmas favorite "*The Nutcracker*."

All events will be held on USM's Leavenworth campus, 4100 South 4th Street. The USM calendar of events is subject to change. Additional fine arts events will be announced before the start of the academic year.

- The USM Theatre season opens Halloween weekend with a biting rendition of horror mainstay "*Dracula*." The production runs Oct. 28-Oct. 31 in Xavier Theatre. Shows start at 7:30 p.m. on Oct. 28, 29, and 30 and at 2 p.m. on Oct. 31.
- The second theatre production of the fall is "*The Nutcracker*." This family-friendly production will help you—and your little ones—dive into that holiday spirit. Showings are in Xavier Theatre at 10 a.m., 12:30 p.m., and 7:30 p.m. on Dec. 2 and 3; at 10 a.m., 1 p.m., and 7:30 p.m. Dec. 4; and at 2 p.m. on Dec. 5.
- The Spring 2011 semester kicks off with "*What the Butler Saw*," a farce by English playwright Joe Orton known for its dry humor. Performances are at 7:30 p.m. Feb. 17, 18, and 19 in Xavier Theatre. For adult audiences.
- A production for the children is up next with a one-day presentation of children's literature classic "*The Wind in the Willows*" at 10 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Feb. 28 in Xavier Theatre. Revisit with Rat, Mole, Mr. Toad, and other timeless characters.
- The USM theatre season closes with "*The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee*," a one-act musical comedy that enjoyed a successful run on Broadway. The play runs April 14-16 at 7:30 p.m. in Xavier Theatre.

Tickets for USM Theatre productions cost \$10 for adults, \$5 for children, or \$25 for season passes. Call (913) 758-6152 or visit www.stmary.edu/tickets online for more information or for tickets.

USM music events are free and open to the public. Call (913) 758-6320 for more information on music presentations.

September 2010

26 USM Faculty Recital, 7 p.m., Walnut Room of Mead Hall

October

19 USM Student Recital I, 7 p.m., Walnut Room of Mead Hall

26 USM Halloween Concert, 7:30 p.m., Xavier Theatre

28-31 USM Theatre presents "*Dracula*," 7:30 p.m., Xavier Theatre

November

7 Founders' Day Concert, 7 p.m., Annunciation Chapel

16 USM Student Recital II, 7 p.m., Walnut Room of Mead Hall

December

2-5 USM Theatre presents "*The Nutcracker*," 10 a.m., 12:30 p.m., and 7:30 p.m., Xavier Theatre

7 USM Band Christmas Concert, 7:30 p.m., Saint Joseph Dining Hall

12 Christmas Choral Vespers, 7 p.m., Annunciation Chapel

February 2011

15 Winter Recital, 7 p.m., Walnut Room of Mead Hall

17-19 USM Theatre presents "*What the Butler Saw*," 7:30 p.m., Xavier Theatre

28 USM Theatre presents "*The Wind in the Willows*," 10 a.m. & 12:30 p.m., Xavier Theatre

April

3 Benedictine College/USM Oratorio, 3 p.m., Annunciation Chapel

5 Chamber Music Concert, 7 p.m., Annunciation Chapel

14-16 USM Theatre presents "*The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee*," 7:30 p.m., Xavier Theatre

26 Spring Band Concert, 7:30 p.m., Saint Joseph Dining Hall

May

1 Choral Pops Concert, 7:30 p.m., Saint Joseph Dining Hall

3 Spring Student Recital, 7 p.m., Walnut Room

5 USM Mime Show Acting Showcase, 7 p.m., Xavier Theatre

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