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University of Saint Mary Delights Theatre Audiences With Dickens' Classic "*A Christmas Carol*" 7:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 4, and Saturday, Dec. 5, Xavier Theatre

(Leavenworth, Kan.)—As the countdown to Christmas gets underway in full, the University of Saint Mary department of fine arts-theatre presents "*A Christmas Carol*," Charles Dickens' beloved tale of the spirited Christmas Eve redemption of legendary miser Ebenezer Scrooge.



USM will present the play at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 4, and Saturday, Dec. 5, in Xavier Theatre on the university's Leavenworth campus, 4100 South 4th Street. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children and are available at the door. For advance tickets, call (913) 758-6152 or visit www.stmary.edu/tickets online.

The university also has limited tickets available for a matinee showing at 12:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 3, geared toward area schools and community groups. Group matinee rates are \$2 per person. Call (913) 758-6152 for more information.

"It's a classic, timeless story," said USM Theatre Instructor Danielle Trebus, "USM's adaptation is very family-friendly, making it appropriate for all ages. And it's full of familiar characters like the ghosts of Christmas Past, Present, and Future, as well as music that is very appropriate to this tale."

Besides the cast of USM theatre students, the Saint Mary presentation will feature the acting of local sixth grader Sam Bolar. Sam, a student at Eisenhower Elementary at Fort Leavenworth, plays Tiny Tim. Sam's dad is currently on his fourth tour of duty in Iraq.

USM's "*A Christmas Carol*" represents the culmination of more than a month's worth of rehearsals, set construction, costume creation, and decorating by a team of 15 Saint Mary students and faculty.

Call (913) 758-6152 for more information on the production.

The University of Saint Mary is a Catholic co-educational applied liberal arts university founded and sponsored by the Sisters of Charity of Leavenworth. The University of Saint Mary is located at 4100 South 4th Street, Leavenworth, Kan., with additional locations in Overland Park, Shawnee, and Kansas City, Kan. Visit www.stmary.edu on the web for more information.

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