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LINDENWOOD UNIVERSITY ST. CHARLES, MISSOURI

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Lindenwood Announces 2007-08 Mainstage Theatre Season

St. Charles, Mo.—Lindenwood University has unveiled its 2007-2008 Mainstage Theatre Season. This will be the last Mainstage season before the opening of Lindenwood's new Center for Fine and Performing Arts in 2008. Included are a Noel Coward comedy, a classic musical, an homage to the movies, a poignant and funny Beth Henley drama, and the perennial favorite "A Christmas Carol."

Blithe Spirit—by Noel Coward, directed by Larry Quiggins Oct. 4–6, 11–13, 2007, 7:30 p.m.

Jelkyl Theatre, Roemer Hall, main campus

This smash comedy hit of the London and Broadway stages tells how novelist Charles Condomine invites into his placid country home an eccentric, breezy lady medium in order to learn the language of the occult. Little does Charles or his lovely second wife, Ruth, dream that the seance staged by the medium will summon back Charles' first wife, now "passed over" for seven years. It's hilarious, brilliant, clever and about as cockeyed as a play can be.

Blame it on the Movies!—music and lyrics by Billy Barnes, music sequences compiled and conceived by David Galligan and Ron Abel Oct. 18–20, 25–27, 2007, 7:30 p.m.

Lindenwood University Cultural Center, 400 N. Kingshighway, St. Charles The sound of movies is saluted in this cheerful musical cavalcade of wonderful songs and themes from the world's favorite films. Fresh and fast-paced, "Blame It On The Movies!" is a nostalgic treat that features unforgettable tunes from "The Wizard Of Oz," "Meet Me In St. Louis," "The Pink Panther," "Rocky," "Psycho," "Jaws," "Gone With The Wind," "Goldfinger," "The Color Purple," "Footloose" and many others in a fun-filled homage to movies of all types. It's the perfect celebration of the silver screen—onstage, live and in person.

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A Christmas Carol–based on the beloved Charles Dickens novel, directed by Ted Gregory

Nov. 30, Dec. 1, Dec. 6-8, 7:30 p.m.,

Dec. 2, 2:00 p.m.

Jelkyl Theatre, Roemer Hall, main campus

This traditional Christmas classic returns for the last time to Jelkyl Theatre after being performed annually for close to 30 years. Performances of the show in 2008 are planned to be held in the new Fine and Performing Arts Center. This holiday favorite is fun for the whole family and sells out quickly, so buy your tickets early.

Bye Bye Birdie—book by Michael Stewart, music by Charles Strouse, lyrics by Lee Adams, directed by Janet Strzelec

March 6-8, 13-15, 2008, 7:30 p.m.

Jelkyl Theatre, Roemer Hall, main campus

"Bye Bye Birdie" is one of the most captivating and fun musical shows of our time. It is a satire done with the fondest affection and tells the story of a rock and roll singer who is about to be inducted into the army. Songs like "An English Teacher," "What Did I Ever See in Him?", "Put on a Happy Face," "One Boy," "A Lot of Livin' to Do," "Kids," "Rosie" and "Spanish Rose" are musical theatre classics.

Crimes of the Heart–by Beth Henley, directed by Marsha Parker

April 17-19, 24-26, 2008, 7:30 p.m.

Jelkyl Theatre, Roemer Hall, main campus

Beth Henley's play won 1981 Pulitzer Prize and the New York Drama Critics Circle Award. The scene is Hazlehurst, Miss., where the three Magrath sisters have gathered to await news of the family patriarch, their grandfather, who is living out his last hours in the local hospital. Warm-hearted, irreverent, zany and brilliantly imaginative, the play teems with humanity and humor as it examines the plight of the three young Mississippi sisters, betrayed by their passions, who strive to escape the past and seize the future.

Subscription and ticket information can be obtained by contacting the Lindenwood University Box Office at 636-949-4878. The box office will be open beginning September 5, 2007.

All Mainstage performances will take place in either Jelkyl Theatre, Roemer Hall on the Main Campus, located at 209 S. Kingshighway, St. Charles, MO 63301 or the Lindenwood University Cultural Center, located at 400 N. Kingshighway, just a few blocks from the main campus.

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