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University of Saint Mary Announces 2011-2012 Theatre Season Full of Laughs, Thrills, and Chills *Renditions of 'Wizard of Oz,' 'Dandelion Wine' among Highlights*

(Leavenworth, Kan.)—The University of Saint Mary theatre program has put together a slate of productions for the 2011-2012 theatre season with something for everyone in the family—from the kid-friendly and classic *Wizard of Oz* to the introspective *Dandelion Wine* to the grown-up laughs of “A” *My Name is Alice*.

The new USM theatre season is as follows:

- ***Dandelion Wine* – 7:30 p.m. Oct. 6, 7 & 8. Adapted from his novel for the stage by Ray Bradbury.** *Dandelion Wine* is set in the summer of 1928 in Green Town, Ill., and revolves around Douglas Spaulding, a youth who experiences a sudden and exhilarating heightened sense of self-awareness. Douglas keeps a journal of his discoveries that summer, as past, present, and future blend together. Suitable for all ages.
- ***The Wizard of Oz* – 7:30 p.m. Dec. 2 & 3, 2 p.m. Dec. 4. Group and school matinees will be held Dec. 1 & 2 by appointment. Adaptation by Van Ibsen, director of USM’s theatre program.** Join Dorothy, Scarecrow, the Tin Man, and the Cowardly Lion as they make their well-loved journey down the Yellow Brick Road to the land of OZ! Relive this classic and timeless tale, just in time for Christmas. Suitable for all ages.
- ***The Pillowman* – 7:30 p.m. Feb. 16, 17 & 18. By Martin MacDonagh.** *The Pillowman*, a 2005 Tony Award winner, is set in a totalitarian society and opens in an interrogation room where a writer is being questioned over a series of child murders that evoke the author’s stories. Adult themes; not recommended for children.
- **“A” *My Name is Alice* – 7:30 p.m. April 19, 20 & 21. By Joan Micklin Silver & Julianne Boyd.** This sophisticated, bawdy, funny, and insightful production is a past winner of the Outer Critics’ Circle Award. “A” *My Name is Alice* is a lively revue created by a wide variety of comedy writers, lyricists, and composers, and offers a range of views on contemporary women. Adult themes; not recommended for children.

Saint Mary theatre productions are held in Xavier Theatre on USM’s Leavenworth campus 4100 South 4th Street. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children and are available at the door. Season tickets are available for \$25.

Call (913) 758-6152 for tickets or for more information, or go to www.stmary.edu/tickets.

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