

News Release

UMC to present three-act play

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The University of Minnesota, Crookston (UMC) Music-Theater Department is presenting the three-act play "Noises Off" Wednesday through Sunday, November 17-21, at 8:00 each evening except for the Sunday performance that will be at 2:00 p.m. All performances will be held in Kiehle Auditorium.

"Noises Off" is a comedy about a fictitious theater production, called "Nothing On," that is being rehearsed and eventually performed. The first act shows a group of actors furiously trying to finish rehearsing a show that is supposed to open within 24 hours. The cast on stage obviously do not get along with the director, and, as a result, the pace of the rehearsing is slow and tedious with little arguments and wise-cracks.

The second act takes place behind scenes after this fictitious production has been performed at several different theaters for about a month. By this time, the cast has become so disillusioned with each other that their pathetic personal lives start to spill out into the roles they are trying to play on stage.

Finally, the third act shows the show after it has been "on the road" for several months, and, by this time, the show is a disaster with cast members literally at each other's throats.

"Noises Off" is directed by Matt Burdick, UMC's student work-study theater assistant. Tickets are available at the door for \$5 adults and \$3 students. Please call George French at 218-281-8266 for more information about this production.

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