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DULUTH -- Two student-directed one-act plays written by Swedish playwright August Strindberg - "The Ghost Sonata" and "Miss Julie" - will be presented at 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday (May 13-14) in UMD's Studio Theater.

"The Ghost Sonata," directed by Fred Muench of Grand Rapids, is a naturalistic play with Robert Stachowiak of Duluth as The Old Man, Collin Eid of Duluth as The Student and Diane Peterson of Bovey as The Milkmaid.

Larry Nachbar is directing "Miss Julie," a play about domination in which a girl is torn apart by parental control and social pressures of her day (1880s).

The female lead is played by Kay Kenyon of Duluth. One of Julie's domineering forces - Jean, her lover - will be played by three actors; Doug Fairchild and Will Goddard of Duluth and Tim Dieffenbacher, Grand Rapids. The female supporting lead is portrayed by Charlotte Bell of Minneapolis.

Other members of the "Sonata" cast include: Helen Kukko of Duluth as the Caretaker's Wife, Pat Monaghan of Duluth as The Lady in Black, Rick Tuomi of Duluth as The Colonel, Sharon Swanson of Blackduck as The Mummy, Karen Johnson of Ranier as The Girl, Dave Williams of Cloquet as The Aristocrat, Ken Johnson of Duluth as Johansson, Walt Strasser of Duluth as Bengston, Peggy Blankush of Duluth as The Fiancee, Linda Griffin of Duluth as The Cook, Charles Prudhomme of Duluth as The Dead Man, Karen Archibald of Duluth and Paul Treuer of Bemidji as The Beggars.