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Regional theatre festival offers quality college productions

Six theatre programs from colleges and universities in Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Ohio, and Wisconsin have been selected to present plays during the 35th annual Region III Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival (KC/ACTF) at The Centre in Evansville, Indiana, in January 2003. Theatre patrons will have the opportunity to see six college productions in three days of the festival.

The festival productions will be

As It Is In Heaven

By Arlene Hutton
1 p.m., Thursday, January 9
A new work about the Shaker community
Directed by Stephanie Sandberg
Calvin College
Grand Rapids, Michigan

Street Scene

Book by Elmer Rice; lyrics by Langston Hughes, music by Kurt Weill, based on the Pulitzer prize-winning play by Elmer Rice
9 p.m., Thursday, January 9
Directed by R. Scott Lank
University of Evansville
Evansville, Indiana

Hamlet

By William Shakespeare
1 p.m., Friday, January 10
Directed by Norma Saldivar
University of Wisconsin-Madison
Madison, Wisconsin

The Laramie Project

By Moises Kaufman and the Tectonic Theatre Project
9 p.m., Friday, January 10
Directed by Bill Jenkins
Ball State University
Muncie, Indiana

Kumashakana Asi or The Red Feather

An Ashiwi national legend by student Joshua Yelensky
1 p.m., Saturday, January 11
Directed by Carolyn Cahill
Lorain County Community College
Elyria, Ohio

Fuddy Meers

By David Lindsay-Abaire
9 p.m., Saturday, January 11
Directed by Charles Grover
University of Wisconsin-Whitewater
Whitewater, Wisconsin

General admission tickets are \$5 per show

Performances of the six productions at The Centre are open to the public at a general admission price of \$5 per show; a pass for all six performances is available at \$20. Ticket information is available by calling 812/465-1026. All tickets will be sold at the door.

The Region III festival is one of eight festivals held in the United States in January and February of each year by the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts. The festivals showcase the finest of each region's entered productions and offer a variety of activities and regional-level award programs. The festivals celebrate the diverse work produced in university and college theatre programs.

University of Southern Indiana is the host for this year's festival and Fifth Third Bank is the sponsor.