



NEWS RELEASE

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**USI Theatre
presenting
*The Seagull***

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USI Theatre will open its spring season with *The Seagull* by Anton Chekhov, to be presented February 16-26 at the theatre at 3001 Igleheart Avenue.

This classic observes the familial relationships and personal struggles of a younger generation in pursuit of dreams for success and desire for love. Set within the social malaise of the Russian gentry's historical decline, Chekhov's unique artistry casts an oddly comic light upon a world of petty pretentiousness, a world where love and indifference, passion and despair must coexist like members of an eccentric family, where even the purest impulses must succumb to uncertainty -- a world where hearts can only break.

Elliot Wasserman, USI assistant professor of theatre, is directing the production of *The Seagull*. The student cast includes Greg Appel, Angie Kempf, Randy Murray, Robert Porch, Melinda Redman, Tara Taylor, Timothy Paul Taylor, Kelly Trafton, and Christina Ulrich. Also in the cast are Edward Journey of the Lincoln Amphitheatre staff as Shamreyeff, and veteran Evansville actors Mark Atchison and Swede Erickson, who will play Dorn and Sorin. Student Jennifer Birge is stage manager.

Curtain time will be at 8 p.m. Thursday through Saturday, February 16-17-18 and 23-24-25, and 2 p.m. Sundays, February 19 and 26. Tickets are \$5 for the University community and senior citizens (60-plus), and \$7 for general admission. Reservations can be made by calling 812/465-1668; the box office will open at 6 p.m. on production days.

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USI Theatre - *The Seagull*

Evansville:

Gregory S. Appel, 7700 Hogue
Angie Kempf, 4668 Seib Road
Randy Murray, 1107 Bryan
Robert Porch, 2713 W. Virginia
Melinda Redman, 121 Rupper
Christina Ulrich, 5411 Happe Road

Bluffton:

Tara Taylor, 3776 E. 200 South

Boonville:

Kelly Trafton, 1522 Square Deal Mine Road

Ellettsville:

Timothy Paul Taylor, 7450 W. Walker

Production stage manager - Jennifer G. Birge, 408 Kimber, Evansville (parents: 3412 Deer Trail, Owensboro, Kentucky) (Jennifer is an Evansville Memorial High School graduate)