



Media Advisory
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The Region III Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival (KC/ACTF) will return to Evansville in January 2003. The festival, which opens January 8 and continues through noon on January 12, attracts college theatre students from Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Ohio, and Wisconsin and brings live theatre to local patrons with both universities participating in the festival. Last year's festival, with an attendance of 1,547, was the largest ever held in the history of the organization that dates back to 1969. The festival convenes in downtown locations at The Centre and the Executive Inn.

The festival is hosted by the University of Southern Indiana and the University of Evansville's production *Street Scene* is one of six college productions that will be offered as part of the main stage offerings. The UE production will be the 9 p.m. performance on Thursday, January 9 at The Centre. Other schools who have been chosen to present plays are Ball State University, Calvin College, University of Wisconsin-Madison, Lorain County Community College, and University of Wisconsin-Whitewater.

Fifth Third Bank is the sponsor of the festival.

Background information about the festival, names of festival officials, the theatre production schedule, and details of the workshops and seminars will be sent to you in early January when details are finalized. Tickets are \$5 general admission at the door; a \$20 pass is available for all six productions.

The festival offers opportunities for human interest stories, stories about economic impact on the community, and stories about what is new in academic offerings in the field of performing arts.

The USI Office of News and Information Services will be available to help answer your questions about KC/ACTF and to arrange interviews you may wish to schedule. We anticipate having even more interest in the 2003 festival. Let me know how I can help you cover the KC/ACTF festival in 2003.

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