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USI Theatre costume shop Photo op

Assistant professor of theatre Shan Jensen warns costume seekers to arrive early for the University of Southern Indiana Theatre's annual costume sale at 8 a.m. on Saturday, October 17, at 96 N. Barker Avenue. More than 200 people are expected to line up at the door and scramble for the best costumes.

On Thursday, October 14, NBC's morning show *Sunrise* with Dan Katz will feature USI students modeling some of the costumes offered for sale on Saturday. Jensen promises female sailor dance outfits and sequined dresses from *Dames at Sea*, and iron shirts and Chinese dress replicas of those worn in 900 A.D. from *Caucasian Chalk Circle* to be among those chosen for the show.

All of USI Theatre's costumes are handmade. Jensen said it is difficult to reuse costumes very specific to a play and storage space is limited. "Besides," said Jensen, "we're an education institution and students learn from making the costumes, from building everything necessary for a show."

The theatre's biggest fund raiser of the year, all proceeds from the costume sale will benefit USI Theatre. In the past, the proceeds purchased sound equipment for the USI Playhouse and more costumes. The funds raised from this year's event will open a private lending library for USI theatre students containing videos, scripts, and books. Jensen said the library will be administered by the national honors theatre fraternity Alpha Psi Omega and provide materials not available locally.