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**A perfect way to celebrate Earth Day weekend: *Sophie and the Adventures of Ice Island* makes its TV debut**

*Summary: Sophie and the Adventures of Ice Island will air on Pioneer Public TV.*

(April 21, 2012)-The University of Minnesota, Morris theatre discipline is proud to announce the airing of its 2011 children's show, *Sophie and the Adventures of Ice Island* on Pioneer Public Television in Appleton as well as KSMQ in Austin. The play, written by Minnesota playwright Forrest Musselman and directed by associate professor of theatre Siobhan Bremer, was recorded live and edited by senior media resources producer, Mike Cihak, and director of media services, Roger Boleman, and will make its television debut on April 22, 2012 at 4 p.m.

*Sophie*, which made its premiere at Morris in April 2011, tells the story of a young girl who always dreamed of being a superhero. She finally gets the chance when she is magically transported to Ice Island, where she befriends a group of animals—a sassy polar bear, some silly penguins, and a hyper-active lemming, among others—in order to stop the evil Dark Figure from melting the island. In light of Morris's efforts to be a green campus, the *Sophie* set and costumes were made from recycled and repurposed materials, making the production into a wonderful adventure that will awe, amuse, and empower.

Please join us for this rare and exciting event!

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