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**Moliere Than Thou: free comedy performance**

*Summary: Moliere speaks English rather than French this time around, but he's every bit as insightful, ribald, irreverent, and enthusiastic as his days as a 17th century master of comedy.*

(October 12, 2011)-Molière lives! A rumor circulating for the last 300 years, suggests that the playwright and actor is dead, the victim of a coughing seizure amid the performance of *The Imaginary Invalid*. But Molière is alive and well, performing under the name Timothy Mooney at the University of Minnesota, Morris on Friday, October 21, 2011, at 7 p.m. in the Science Auditorium. The public is invited to attend the free performance of *Molière Than Thou* sponsored by the student French club, *Entre Nous*.

Molière is speaking English rather than French this time around, but he's every bit as insightful, ribald, irreverent, and enthusiastic as his days as a 17th century master of comedy. In the course of the 85-minute, one-man play, Molière, played by Mooney, wins over the audience with a delightful complexity of language. He parades through the best loved plays of France's history and reinvigorates renaissance theatre, the court of Louis XIV, and the vision which generated some of the most beloved plays of all time.

"This is going to be fun," says Stephen Martin, assistant professor of French. "Tim Mooney's lively and interactive performance brings out all the humor and basic naughtiness that is Molière!"

Parking is free in all campus lots. The West Lot is recommended.

Photo: Timothy Mooney in costume  
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