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Raymond J. Lammers Proscenium Theatre Dedication

Summary: The event honors a campus leader and Theatre Discipline innovator.

(September 21, 2010)-Everyone is invited to attend a special event honoring the career of the late Raymond J. Lammers, professor emeritus of theatre, at the University of Minnesota, Morris. The recently renamed Raymond J. Lammers Proscenium Theatre will be dedicated on Saturday, October 9, 2010, at 10:30 a.m. in Humanities Fine Arts (HFA).

The dedication will be held in conjunction with Homecoming, October 8—10, and a reunion of the student theatre organization, Meiningens. Chancellor Jacqueline Johnson, George Fosgate, professor emeritus of theatre, Tap Payne, professor of theatre, alumni, and family will share remarks. A reception and preview of a new permanent photo collection of Morris Theatre productions from 1961 to the present follows the dedication ceremony.

Originally proposed by Payne, the renaming of the theatre passed by unanimous voice vote of the Campus Assembly in spring 2010. Lammers joined the University in 1962. For the next 33 years, he was the discipline coordinator for the Speech and Theatre Disciplines. During his career on campus, he directed more than 75 plays and was involved in the design of HFA and creation of its theatre facilities.

As an educator, Lammers won the UMM Teacher of the Year award in 1968, and in that same year was one of the first recipients of the Horace T. Morse-Minnesota Alumni Association Awards for Outstanding Contributions to Undergraduate Education.

Payne's proposal spoke for the Theatre Discipline, proclaiming the appropriateness of the University in renaming the Proscenium Theatre after the man who may be most responsible for its creation, both literally and figuratively.

For more information, contact [Payne](#) at 320-589-6266 or RSVP [online](#).

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