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Summary: The time is coming to migrate South of the norm! Be prepared to perch in the Humanities Fine Arts Black Box Theatre February 7-9 and nest down for UMM theatre discipline's production of Aristophanes' "The Birds." Show times are at 7:30 p.m. each evening, with a 2 p.m. matinee on Saturday, Feb. 9.

(January 4, 2008)-The time is coming to migrate South of the norm! Be prepared to perch in the Humanities Fine Arts Black Box Theatre February 7-9 and nest down for UMM theatre discipline's production of Aristophanes' "The Birds." With a glorious array of costumes, color, chirpingly squawkin' good music, fantastic sets and "talon-t's" you just can't "egg-nore," this is a production you won't want to miss. Visiting Theatre Instructor Deidre Onishi directs this lively, modern translation by Peter Meineck. Rehearsals are now in progress.

The quixotic Makemedo and the meddlesome Goodhope set out on an epic adventure, dissatisfied with the ways of their own society. They find themselves in the fluttering world of the birds. In Makemedo's desperate efforts to build a world of simplicity, he only succeeds in creating the very thing he is trying to escape. UMM Art History Professor James Schryver describes Makemedo as a "character who's unable to overcome his innate sense of imperialism." However, in the end, marriage and infatuation unites all for a beautiful resolution worth crowing about.

Be sure to call for tickets, and just remember, the early bird gets the worm! Show times are at 7:30 p.m. each evening, with a 2 p.m. matinee on Saturday, Feb. 9. For questions, to arrange for special seating or to reserve tickets contact the Theatre Publicity Office at (320) 589-6249 or [Theatre Publicity](#).

Photo Caption: Makemedo (Sam Krump-Johnson) meets Prometheus (Marco Avila)

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