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**UMM senior from Plymouth will direct next Meiningens show**

*Summary:*

(February 3, 2005)-The Meiningens student theater organization, in association with the theater discipline at the University of Minnesota, Morris, announces the 2005 winter production of *The Complete Works of William Shakespeare Abridged*, directed by UMM student Kristina Goebel. The show will perform at 7:30 p.m. February 16-18, and at 2 p.m. February 20. All performances will be given in the Black Box Theatre of Humanities Fine Arts on the Morris campus.

Written by Adam Long, Daniel Singer and Jess Winfield, the founding members of the Reduced Shakespeare Company, *Complete Works* is a comedy surrounding the attempt to perform all of Shakespeare's works in less than two hours. The play centers on three men traveling from theater to theater to inspire and teach Shakespeare's great works. It moves through *Romeo and Juliet* with a two-man cast, raps *Othello*, and performs *Hamlet* at least three times. The cast utilize a variety of odd props and costume pieces to accomplish this daring venture. The play mixes slap stick humor mixed with sophisticated verbal wit taken from Shakespeare's text.

The play's director, senior theater major Kristina Goebel, Plymouth, is directing *Complete Works* as her senior theater project. "I had the honor of watching some of the original authors perform this show, and fell in love with it. Its crazy humor and spirited moments are hilarious to watch, and I couldn't wait to try and add my own twists to it."

The cast includes Tim Hellendrung, New Ulm Todd Janssen, Hampton, Iowa and Tim Connors, Eden Valley. Essentially playing themselves, they take the audience on a whirlwind tour through Shakespeare's works, with bad accents and a great sense of comedic timing.

In contrast to the production's small cast, there is a large and very dedicated crew working on this deceptively simple show. Leading the way is stage manager Megan Losure, Apple Valley, along with her assistant stage managers Victoria Pyan, St. Paul and Jaima Solie, Mahtomedi. Transforming the stage are set designer Sara Herman, Vadnais Heights and lighting designer Andrea Pletsch, Belle Plaine, with lighting assistance by Amanda Holter, Appleton. Johanna Farmer, Spearfish, S.D., displays her talents as costume designer along with David Wilson, Brainerd, as sound designer. The production's many props are designed by Nathan Long, Glenwood, who is assisted by Jenn Vareberg, Frazee. Christopher Anderson, Grand Rapids, has taken the lead with the poster design.

Tickets are \$5 for general admission and \$4 for students and senior citizens. For more information and reservations call the box office at 320-589-6249 or email [thrupub@morris.umn.edu](mailto:thrupub@morris.umn.edu). *Complete Works of William Shakespeare Abridged* is produced with special arrangements by Broadway Play Publishing, Inc.

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