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Summary:

(November 9, 2004)-By Amanda Sayles, UMM News Service -- The critically acclaimed James Sewell Ballet is the next offering in this season's Performing Arts Series at the University of Minnesota, Morris. The Ballet will perform "Amahl and the Night Visitors" on Saturday, Nov. 20 at 7:30 p.m. in Edson Auditorium.

The Company extends an invitation for the public to join them for their warm ups from 11a.m.-12:30 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 30, in the Humanities Fine Arts building room 125.

James Sewell's witty and inventive choreography fluently merges elements of traditional ballet with visual elements of American Sign Language in the beloved Holiday classic, "Amahl and the Night Visitors." The evening's program will also include a smaller piece from the company's wide-ranging repertoire.

Acclaimed internationally for its innovation, musicality, technical expertise, and engaging presentation, the Twin Cities-based James Sewell Ballet has developed an exciting dance profile combining the classical virtues of ballet with the freedom of modern dance and the spirit of vaudeville. The company creates and presents traditional and contemporary ballet, and performs annually in St. Paul, Rochester, throughout the United States, and abroad.

Established in New York, its home from 1990 to 1993, the company has distinguished itself by being a ballet company operating in what has traditionally been a modern dance company structure: small, mobile, flexible, affordable, performing original dances by a living choreographer.

Since 1993, the company has collaborated with the Saint Paul Chamber Orchestra, Minnesota Orchestra, Minnesota Opera, Plymouth Music Series of Minnesota, Dale Warland Singers, and Children's Theatre Company. Since 1990, the dancers have visited 40 Minnesota communities, 22 states, and twice to Bermuda.

Primary funding for this series is provided by University of Minnesota, Morris students. The series is made possible by a grant provided by the Minnesota State Arts Board, through an appropriation by the Minnesota State Legislature. In addition, this activity is sponsored in part by a grant from the National Endowment for the Arts.

For ticket information, contact the Office of Student Activities, UMM, at 320-589-6080 or visit the Performing Arts Series web site at www.mrs.umn.edu/stuorgs/CAC/Arts/.

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