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Summary:

(March 19, 2004)-A nationally renowned theater troupe, Le Theatre de la Chandelle Verte, will give one performance of a French play, "L'Illusion Comique" by Pierre Corneille, at 7:30 p.m. Friday, March 26, in the Black Box Theatre of Humanities Fine Arts on the campus of the University of Minnesota, Morris. The play, which is open to the public, will be performed in French by a cast of French and American actors who have staged this play at Harvard University, New York University, and the University of Wisconsin, Madison. All tickets are \$4.

The production is an example of French classical drama, the French equivalent of Shakespeare. "L'Illusion Comique" has been compared to "A Midsummer Night's Dream," with frequent shifts between reality and illusion and a wonderful visual style.

French students and teachers from area high schools and universities will be in attendance and will meet with UMM students in the Turtle Mountain Cafe, starting at 6 p.m. After the play, the actors will host a talk-back, answering questions from the audience.

This activity is funded in part by a grant from the Lake Region Arts Council through a Minnesota State Legislative appropriation. For reserved tickets, contact UMM Professor of French Matt Senior, at 589-6298 or email: seniorm@mrs.umn.edu.

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