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Summary: "The ultimate resource for creative college-bound students" has included mention of UMM. <i>Creative Colleges: A Guide for Student Actors, Artists, Dancers, Musicians and Writers</i>, profiles UMM among 200 creative college programs.

(May 2, 2006)-A published guide that describes itself as "the ultimate resource for creative college-bound students" has included mention of the University of Minnesota, Morris. *Creative Colleges: A Guide for Student Actors, Artists, Dancers, Musicians and Writers*, has identified UMM among its profiles of 200 creative college programs.

The theatre arts discipline at UMM and Ray Schultz, assistant professor of theatre arts, along with a listing of general facts about UMM, are included in the chapter on "Drama Programs – Midwest." The chapter notes Mathew LeFebvre '87 among "prominent alumni." LeFebvre has been a costume designer at the Guthrie Theatre for numerous productions and also an associate professor of theatre on the University of Minnesota's Minneapolis campus.

"This is a great honor for UMM, since the Midwest is home to so many fine academic theatre programs," said Ray Schultz, UMM assistant professor of theatre arts. "It is a testament to the high quality of UMM's students and faculty that we have been placed in such distinguished company."

"I think the liberal arts mission of UMM positions theatre to be effective for our students in several educational contexts. Certainly, we try to prepare our theatre students for careers in theatre or to go on to graduate theatre studies. But theatre as a liberal art also prepares students for a wide variety of career options. Most importantly, those non-majors who take courses within the discipline will hopefully become a truly informed theatre audience and develop into the next generation of theatre lovers," continued Schultz.

UMM is listed alphabetically along with selected Minnesota colleges in two chapters, titled "Art Programs by State" and "Music Programs by State." The University's Duluth and Twin Cities campuses are also listed.

According to the guide, "As a 'creative student,' you need to not only find a college that provides a great education but also one that will nurture your talents and prepare you to make a career out of your passion."

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