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Summary: "Help Wanted" is the story of impoverished immigrants who came to Minnesota to seek a better life and to help their family in Mexico. Teatro del Pueblo will perform the play at 8:30 p.m. Thursday in HFA Black Box Theatre.

(February 6, 2006)-Teatro del Pueblo theater will perform the play, "Help Wanted," at 8:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 9, in Black Box Theatre of Humanities Fine Arts at the University of Minnesota, Morris. The presentation, which is free and open to the public, is co-sponsored by the UMM student organization, United Latinos, and the UMM theater discipline.

Teatro del Pueblo is a small, non-profit Latino theater located in St. Paul. Fostered by the Latino community on the city's west side, it has grown since its inception in 1992 to serve St. Paul, Minneapolis, the metro area and Greater Minnesota.

"Help Wanted" by Virginia McFerran is a 45-minute play that tells the story of impoverished immigrants who came to Minnesota to seek a better life and to help their family in Mexico. Three actors playing multiple roles present scenes depicting life in Mexico, a dangerous border crossing, unionizing efforts, detention by the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS), and demonstrations in support of hotel workers.

This satirical piece demonstrates the plight of workers whose labor is needed in Minnesota, but who risk harsh treatment and inequities when trying to fill this need. The original production is loosely based upon real events surrounding the Albino sisters. The script has recently been updated to reflect the ever-changing immigrant experiences.

The play is intended for audiences high school age and over, and is presented in English with Spanish intermingling.

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