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A Good Enough Holiday Show

Summary: Holiday music, UMM big band jazz and laughter combine for "A Good Enough Holiday Show." Don't miss this special holiday one-time performance on December 9, more than good enough for the entire family.

(November 18, 2005)-If you love holiday music...if you love the sound of a big band...if you love laughing...then you'll love an evening with the MIGHTY Variety Players as they present "A Good Enough Holiday Show" at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 9, in the beautiful Morris Area Elementary School Concert Hall.

This special holiday event for the whole family will feature the musical magic of the incomparable Nerg Nergeson and His Band of Musical Vikings.

This one-time-only performance is a fundraiser for the PlayRight Community Theatre and the University of Minnesota, Morris Jazz Band. General admission tickets are \$8 per person or \$20 per family. Tickets can be purchased at the Prairie Renaissance Cultural Alliance Center, 630 Atlantic Avenue.

Tickets will go on sale one hour prior to the performance at the Concert Hall.

"We've taken the idea of our past three MIGHTY Variety Shows, added the UMM Jazz Band, and put together an evening of vintage music, modern songs, and comic routines that we think will not only be almost good, but possibly good enough," said Margaret Payne, PlayRight member.

Audiences may remember the Barbershop Quartet, the Cufflinks, and the great 40s and 50s music that characterized the MIGHTY Variety Shows. Shaune Wunder, also a PlayRight member, added, "We've included some Christmas favorites like 'White Christmas' and 'Mele Kalikimaka,' plus our usual audience participation bit and some new lyrics to some old songs, just for fun."

As a special added attraction the Holiday Show will bring back those "Sweethearts of Tinseltown' Frank Fontaine and Betty Beaumont. Also appearing will be Ole Overski, vocal and music conductor extraordinaire. Maestro Overski's biography calls him "a treasure...old and buried in the past." But nevertheless, he will be in top form as he guest conducts the Nerg Nergeson Band of Musical Vikings and a special choral ensemble.

The Morris Area Arts Boosters will sell Christmas cookies, bars, and coffee during the intermission, which will last a bit longer than usual to allow time for the audience to enjoy their refreshments.

Performers include Jim Thoreen, Patti Burns, Andrea Hoogendoorn, Sally Finzel, Charlie Glasrud, Twig Webster, Tap Payne, Matt Fluegel, Sharon Rae Martin, Chuck Grussing, Adair Horgen, John Inman, Scott Banta, Mary Jo Hoffman, Margaret Payne, Shaune Wunder, Stephanie Dick, Jim Barbour, and the members of the UMM Jazz Band under the direction of "Doc" Jim Carlson.

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