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MORRIS (4/16/76) -- The spirit of Shakespearean drama will come to Morris April 26 with a performance of Hamlet by the New Shakespeare Company of San Francisco.

The event, under the aegis of the University of Minnesota, Morris Performing Arts Series, will be held in Edson Auditorium at 8:15 p.m. Admission for those not holding series subscriptions is \$2.

The philosophy behind the New Shakespeare Company is that Shakespeare belongs to the people. Its members desire to return Shakespeare to "the rambunctious throngs who in the 1590's paid their penny to sit in the pit and be entertained."

By returning Shakespeare to this audience, members of the company feel they can recapture more of the truth and intensity with which Shakespeare first presented his plays.

The company is directed by Margrit Roma, who has more than 35 years of international theatrical experience. Her method relies on the actor and the script, rather than on lavish external settings. The text is left intact with some innovation.

"Our idea is to get everything so clear that words are unnecessary, and to make the words sound like they're coming from real people," she explains.

"We strive to present the story that Shakespeare told so clearly and so simply and entertainingly that people who never heard of Shakespeare will enjoy the man's magic," said producer Clarence Ricklefs.

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