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(September 20, 2024) The University of Minnesota Morris Theatre Discipline is thrilled to announce its 2024-2025 season, offering a range of captivating performances showcased throughout three exciting productions.

Kicking off the season is *The Outsider*, a sharp, witty comedy by Paul Slade Smith, directed by Siobhan Bremer, associate professor of theatre arts. This timely and hilarious play explores themes of political absurdity and the value of authenticity. In a political landscape dominated by image and artifice, the state's new governor, Ned Newley, doesn't even want to be governor. He's terrified of public speaking, his poll numbers are impressively bad, and in the eyes of everyone around him Ned seems destined to fail. When a political consultant offers a different point of view, a new plan begins to form. Ned might be the worst candidate to ever run for office, unless the public is looking for... the worst candidate to ever run for office. Hilarity is sure to ensue as unexpected characters navigate a satirical look at the world that skewers politics and celebrates democracy. Performances will take place in the Raymond J. Lammers Proscenium Theatre, Oct. 24-26 at 7:30 p.m. with an additional matinee on Oct. 26 at 2 p.m.

Continuing the season into the winter with the annual Meiningens student theatre production. This year, the Morris Meiningens Performing Arts Collective is excited to present *Joan The Girl of Arc* by Darrah Cloud. Directed by theatre arts and music major Evan Anderson '26, of Chanhassen. The play tells the inspiring story of Joan of Arc, the young girl who defied the odds and led the soldiers of France to victory in the Hundred Years' War. This production will run Feb. 13-15 at 7:30 p.m. in the Raymond J. Lammers Proscenium Theatre.

Closing out the season in the spring, theatre arts major Michael Oberton '25, of Randall, will direct the annual children's show *Junie B. Jones is Not a Crook* by Allison Gregory. This delightful children's production brings to life the beloved character of Junie B. Jones on stage, as she learns about honesty and friendship, making this production a perfect theatrical experience for all ages. Showing in the Raymond J. Lammers Proscenium Theatre, invited school performances will take place on weekdays between Apr. 9-16, with public performances on Apr. 11 at 7:30 p.m. and Apr. 12 at 2 p.m.

For information on our current production and to purchase tickets, please visit our website at tickets.umn.edu/UMM/Online for the latest information and availability for individual tickets. For more information about invited school performances or group rates, please contact the UMN Morris Theatre Publicity and Box Office at 320-589-6274 or via email at thrupub@morris.umn.edu.

