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(March 28, 2012)-The next production in the University of Minnesota, Morris Theatre Discipline’s 2011-2012 Public Enemy #1 season will be the boisterous children’s fairytale, The Emperor’s New Clothes. The show will be performed for the general public on Friday, March 30 at 7 p.m. and Saturday, March 31 at 1 p.m. in the Humanities and Fine Arts (HFA) Raymond J. Lammers Proscenium Theatre on the Morris campus. School matinees will begin March 28 and run through April 5, 2012.

This version of the classic fairytale, written by Blanche Marvin and directed by guest artist Shaune Wunder, tells the story of King Eric, the vain Emperor of Sylvania, who thinks of little more than his personal appearance and attire. When the king seeks to acquire the finest clothing in the land, his fool, Cricket, convinces him to commission a wardrobe made of material visible only to those who prove themselves worthy. With many comic twists, this piece promises to be a fun and energetic addition to the Public Enemy #1 season.

Working with Wunder to bring this traditional story to life is a skilled young crew and a vibrant, talented cast of student actors. Clara Costello ’12, Afton, will serve as the production’s stage manager, with Skylar Joseph ’14, Elbow Lake, serving as assistant stage manager. The role of King Eric will be played by Luis Reyes ’14, Hanley Falls. His plucky fool, Cricket, will be played by D.J. Theisen ’12, Richfield, in fulfillment of his theatre arts senior project. The character Domer, the hapless tailor who Cricket pulls into the deceit, will be performed by Jeff Steinkamp ’15, Lakeville, in his University of Minnesota, Morris stage debut. The other members of the court include the beautiful but crown-hungry Lady Caroline, played by Lindy Jackson ’15, Belle Plaine the Lord, who is Minister of War for the kingdom, played by Aaron Booth ’12, Blaine and the pure-hearted Lady Deirdre, played by Julie Renner ’14, Vermillion, SD.

Ticket price is $3 for the young and young of heart. Convenient, free parking is available evening and weekends in all campus lots. For more information, including group rates or advance ticket sales, email the Theatre Box Office or call at (320)589-6249.

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