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(February 25, 2011)-National Players, America’s longest running touring company, will bring their innovative and accessible production of A Midsummer Night’s Dream, to Edson Auditorium at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, March 5, 2011, as part of the University of Minnesota, Morris Performing Arts Series.

With a fresh twist on the setting, relevant to today’s technology-saturated world, this production features Shakespeare’s woods glowing in the dark and fairies dancing to electronica. See how wonderful and silly the vagaries of love can be in the magical, mystical confusion of one of Shakespeare’s most revered comedies turned electric farce.

National Players adhere to strict traditions of touring theater. Company members double and triple in roles and in technical assignments such as lighting, sound, and costumes. They travel the nation bringing literature to life for their audiences with new, contemporary takes on classics.

Tickets for the March 5 performance are $15 for adults, $10 for senior citizens and youth under 18, and $5 for UMM students. Tickets may be ordered by mail or in person at the UMM Student Activities Office. Credit card orders may also be placed by phone. For more information, please contact the Office of Student Activities at 320-589-6080.

University of Minnesota, Morris students provide primary funding for this series. The University of Minnesota Morris Performing Arts Series is a fiscal year 2010 recipient of an Arts Tour Minnesota grant from the Minnesota State Arts Board. This activity is funded, in part, by the Minnesota arts and cultural heritage fund as appropriated by the Minnesota State Legislature with money from the vote of the people of Minnesota on November 4, 2008.

Photo: A scene from the National Players production of A Midsummer Nights Dream

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