

EIU 'Company 73' Opens with 'A Company of Wayward Saints'

CHARLESTON — Eastern Illinois University's "Company 73" opens its summer production schedule July 6-8 with George Herman's "A Company of Wayward Saints."

The commedia dell' arte production will be directed by Gerald Sullivan of Eastern's Theatre Arts Department.

It will be presented in the Fine Arts Center Theatre at 8 p.m. July 6 and 7 and at 2 p.m. July 8.

"A Company of Wayward Saints' is a fine mosaic of the procession of life, redeemed by humor and human understanding," a Company 73 press release says. "It not only has something to say, but it says it extremely well."

The play centers around a commedia dell' arte group which wanders "by mistake into the eye of an allegory."

"They are humanity, wayward saints all, who are far from home and without means of returning. There is a nobleman at hand who may be their salvation if they put on a good show for him."

"Surprisingly enough, the company chooses to present the whole history of man from the Garden of Eden through the depictions of Everyman at birth, adolescence, marriage, and death."

The Fine Arts ticket office will be open from noon to 5 p.m.

today. Tickets are \$1.50 for adults, 75 cents for children, and 50 cents for Eastern students.

Reservations may be made by calling 581-3110. Reserve tickets should be picked up minutes before curtain time.