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**CHARLESTON** - Eastern Illinois University Theatre will present seven varied productions in the 1989-90 season, ranging from a popular Broadway musical, poignant drama, and an original script to children's theatre.

"This will be a diverse season," said J. Sain, Business Manager for the University Theatre. "Our subscribers are accustomed to a wide range of styles and periods and we think they will be very happy with the season offerings."

The season opener will be **Once Upon A Mattress** October 6-14 in the Theatre of the Doudna Fine Arts Center.

Other productions are **Long Day's Journey Into Night**, December 1-9; **Nicholas Nickleby**, February 16-24; **Alice in Wonderland**, April 20-22; and the female version of **The Odd Couple**, July 6-14.

There will be no Monday evening performances this season. Sunday performances remain traditionally at 2:00 p.m. and all others are at 8:00 p.m. with the exception of **Alice in Wonderland** which has a curtain at 7:00 p.m. April 20 and a 2:00 p.m. curtain April 21.

Season tickets are \$20 for adults, \$16 for senior citizens and youth, and \$12 for EIU students. This option guarantees seating for all five productions. A second option guarantees seating for four productions which excludes the performances of **The Odd Couple** during the summer program. Season tickets for this option are \$15 for adults, \$12 for senior citizens and youth, and \$9 for EIU students. All season subscriptions must be purchased before October 14. Mail and phone orders can be placed by writing University Theatre, FAT-105 Doudna Fine Arts Center, Eastern Illinois University, Charleston, Illinois 61920, or by calling (217) 581-3110.

Each season ticket option provides either 4 or 5 admissions which can be used in any arrangement. A season subscriber could use one admission for each show or all for one show, or any other combination.

Subscribers save \$1 off the regular ticket price for the musical; receive one free show and save \$1 off the regular ticket price for our two scholarship productions (not included in the subscription season), **Once More Unto The Breach** and **Ghosts**.

**Once Upon A Mattress** is an outstanding musical comedy based on the famous fairy tale "The Princess and the Pea". It's the inside story on what really happened to the famous princess who was so sensitive she couldn't sleep on twenty down-filled mattresses when one pea was placed underneath. The production promises to be an evening of side splitting entertainment for the entire family.

A poignant drama by Eugene O'Neill, **Long Day's Journey Into Night** is an autobiographical exploration of a family's love, memories, and bitter truths as night and fog approach. This American classic is O'Neill's greatest achievement and an unforgettable dramatic experience.

**Nicholas Nickleby** is a dramatized adaptation of the Charles Dickens' novel by Tim Kelly. Here is the essence of Dickens' most theatrical novel with a parade of colorful characters in a delightful blend of comedy, mystery and melodrama!

**Alice in Wonderland**. Everyone is familiar with Alice's antic adventures, and they are all here in this exuberant, funny and strikingly pertinent version of Lewis Carroll's classic tale adapted by Theatre Arts Chairman, E.T. Guidotti.

Ungar and Madison are at it again. Florence Ungar and Olive Madison, that is...in Neil Simon's female version of the endearing original comedy masterpiece **The Odd Couple**.

Two additional productions not included in the subscription packages are planned to benefit the Theatre Arts Scholarship Fund and season subscribers will save \$1 off regular ticket prices for each show.

**Once More Unto The Breach** is an original script by EIU Theatre Arts major, Robert Caisley. This four-character drama is set in a hospital room and revolves around two very different roommates who grow to be friends and their ability to cope with one's affliction with a fatal disease.

The second scholarship show is Henrik Ibsen's tragedy, **Ghosts**. This famous play by the father of modern drama is a pinnacle in the annals of dramatic composition and deals with unsuccessful attempts to escape the consequences of the sterile Victorian traditions.

Single seat tickets may be purchased for each of the productions. Ticket sales begin on the Monday preceeding the opening night of each show. Tickets for **Once Upon A Mattress** are \$6 for adults, \$5 for senior citizens and youth, and \$4 for EIU students. All other tickets are \$5 for adults, \$4 for senior citizens and youth, and \$3 for EIU students. Reservations and ticket information can be obtained by calling 581-3110.

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