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MVC DEPARTMENT OF THEATRE, MUSIC AND DANCE PRESENTS CELEBRATION OF
CHRISTMAS MUSIC SHOW

Show set for Thur., Dec. 4 and Fri., Dec. 5 at 7:30 p.m. in Eckilson-Mabee Theatre

Marshall, Mo. (December 1, 2008)—The Missouri Valley College Department of Theatre, Music, and Dance will present their annual *Celebration of Christmas Music Show* at 7:30 p.m. December 4 and 5 in the Eckilson-Mabee Theatre on the MVC campus. Doors open at 7:00 p.m. for seating.

The family oriented show, which is under the direction of Professor Diana Malan, will feature the MVC Gospel/Concert Choir and the Valley Connection Show Choir. Guest performances include the MVC Brass Ensemble, MVC Repertory Dance Ensemble and Bathsheba Marie Love. Santa Claus is also scheduled to make an appearance.

Valley Connection will open the show with a medley of songs from the popular holiday Broadway show, *White Christmas*. “Blue Skies,” “Sisters,” and “White Christmas” are among the medley of hits. “Kay Thompson’s Jingle Bells” and “Santa Baby” will help to bring Santa Claus to the stage. Landon Alexander ('08) and Professor Janie Ross are the show’s choreographers

The MVC Gospel/Concert will present holiday favorites such as “He Is Born,” “Do You Hear What I Hear,” and “Sing Noel.” “O Come, O Come Emmanuel,” Michael W. Smith’s “Gloria,” and “Who Would Imagine a King” will also be included in the show.

“We are pleased to feature our Brass Ensemble in our show,” Malan said. “The Brass Ensemble, under the direction of Professor Garry Anders, is one of the new instrumental groups at Valley. It has been a few years since we’ve seen much activity in our instrumental program. It’s exciting to watch this program grow. A new drumline was formed last year and the spring semester will introduce two more groups—Jazz Ensemble and Percussion Ensemble.”

The MVC Dance Repertory Ensemble, under the direction of Professor Janie Ross, will dance to Leon Gessle’s “Parade of the Wooden Soldiers.” Bathsheba Marie Love, MVC alumni and staff member, will also perform during the evening.

Brandy McRoberts, Whitney Fisher, Brienne Clemens, and Alyssa Howery are among the area students who are participating in the show. Admission is free. Donations are welcome at the door.

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