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MVC THEATRE PRESENTS *THE ANGELS OF LEMNOS*

November 18-21 in the Eckilson-Mabee Theatre

Marshall, Mo. (November 4, 2009)—The Missouri Valley College theatre, music and dance department will present “The Angels of Lemnos,” a play by Jim Henry, at 7:30 p.m. nightly Nov. 18-21 in the Eckilson-Mabee Theatre on the MVC campus.

The MVC theatre department will host the playwright, Jim Henry, Nov. 17-19. During his visit at MVC, Henry will meet with theatre classes, attend an open question forum, and attend opening night of the play followed by an audience talkback session.

Nathan Spandrel, the play’s main character, spends the frigid winter days on the streets of the city searching for his "Gift from God," promised to him by his fifth grade teacher. The play follows this child-like man's journey through his present and past. *Nathan* finds his "Gift," an abandoned baby in a city trash can. He believes the baby is an angel that fell from the sky and is determined to take his "angel baby" floating back to heaven. He spends a touching moment with his precious gift. *Nathan* learns that redemption and lasting peace can only be attained through the forgiveness of those that haunt him from his past.

“We are excited about our upcoming production because of its freshness and the opportunities it has afforded us,” said Wade Hughes, MVC associate professor of theatre. “It is rare to find a script like this one that challenges a production team to go beyond conventional theatrical practices.”

The show has also been entered into the *Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival* and will be vying for a spot to move to the regional or national level.

“At this point I feel the show is shaping up nicely to have a realistic chance to showcase at the next level,” Hughes said. “The selection committee will be attending Thursday night’s performance so I hope the community attends to show support for our students—the audience’s energy is critical.”

Cast members include: Sequan Davison as “Nathan Spandrel,” freshman from White Sands, N.M.; Trumayne Clayton, freshman from Waynesville, Mo.; Sulma Caballero, sophomore from Grand Prairie, Texas; Madison Palen, freshman from Carbondale, Ill.; Carrie Palmer, freshman from Columbia, Mo.; Clayton Sullivan, freshman from Albany, Mo.; Matthew Ford, freshman from Camdenton, Mo.; and Nicholas Aragon, freshman from Marshall, Mo.

Tickets are \$5 for adults. For more info about the production contact Wade Hughes at hughesw@moval.edu or call (660) 831-4147 for ticket information. Visit www.moval.edu/tmd for online ticket information. Tickets will be available on nights of show.

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