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SEASON'S GREETINGS!

The Old Season Is Winding Down, But An Exciting New Year Is Looming For The Lewis & Clark Theatre Co.

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As the Lewis & Clark Theatre Company (LCTC) enters the new year, its focus is set on bringing more people to the Dakota Theatre than ever before.

With more entertainment planned and improvements to the facilities on the way, LCTC wants to show the Yankton area what it has to offer.

"We really want to give people the opportunity to experience what the Dakota Theatre brings to town," said LCTC managing director Shauna Marlette.

Highlighting the additions to the theatre's schedule will be a new concert series. While the LCTC has presented concerts in the past, it has never scheduled a full slate of performances like it will this year, Marlette said.

"It's a way to bring more income to the theatre and offer something to people who maybe don't enjoy the theatre aspect of it with the plays," she said. "It's something we think is really going to go over well in the community."

Kicking off the series will be the Abrams Brothers on March 18. The bluegrass country group out of Canada is one of CMT's "Up-and-Coming Artists," and one that should attract a wide variety of audience members, Marlette said.

"They're really fun to listen to," she said. "They're going to bring something that not only younger generations will really enjoy, but something the older generation that really appreciates good music will enjoy, as well"

Marlette added that she hopes community members will take advantage of a concert of such a stature coming to Yankton, not only because of the quality entertainment, but because the turnout could affect later offerings.

"That's the whole key. If people don't come take advantage of it, we won't be able to do it in the future," she said. "This is our call to people who always say, 'Hey, there's nothing going on in town.' Well, we're bringing something to town. Now we need you to support it."

Additional concerts will include the local band the Bumble Bees, Bob Fields & Swing Time and the Holiday Jam with the Hegg Brothers (sponsored by Downtown Yankton). The LCTC is also tentatively planning on presenting the Cartwright Brothers, as well as a Penny and Pals concert for children

for children.

"The concert series will have a lot of diversity," said Steve Haddican, LCTC board president. "It will cover a lot of different music aspects, whether it's country, big band or a combination of music and comedy. We're also in the process of negotiating with some national stars, and it's going very well. The series is going to

be very popular."

Before officially moving into its new season, the LCTC will present the final show of its 51st season, the romantic comedy "Tender Trap," from Feb. 7-11.

The next weekend, the company will officially kick off its 52nd season with its annual LCTC Theatrical Gala on Feb. 16 at Minerva's. The show will be Yankton's version of the "David Letterman Show" and also will serve as a fundraiser for new sound equipment for the theatre.

The first theatre production for the LCTC's 52nd season will be the comedy "The Nerd" in June, followed by the musical "Oklahoma!" in July and August, the mystery "Veronica's Room" in October, the Christmas parody "Mrs. Bob Cratchit's Wild Christmas Binge" in December and the classic play "Arsenic and Old Lace" in February 2014.

"We have a great season coming up," Marlette said. "It's going to be a fun one."

She added that the theatre also will be returning to its previous practice of presenting all shows for two weekends. During this current season, nonmusicals were shown for one weekend only.



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