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**KELLY HERTZ/P&D** 

TV reporter Katt, played by ZoieLee Marcotte (left) questions the Big Bad Wolf, played by Korbin Yaggie, on his suspicious whereabouts, in a scene from the Yankton Children's Theatre Company production of "Porridgegate." set for the Dakota Theatre next weekend



#### **BY ALISSA WOOCKMAN** alissa.woockman@yankton.net

Unravel the mystery behind the Yankton Children's Theatre Company's fall production. Next week, Yankton's Dakota Theatre will be full of familiar fairytale characters, all with something to hide.

In a classic case of whodunit, Charlie Lovett's "Porridgegate" brings together fractured fairytale charac-

ters gathered in a forest of crime and deception. It will take the crack team of investigative reporters and their secret source "Deep Throat" to solve the case. From the bear family's missing porridge to the blowndown homes of Oscora Meyer and Jamie Dean — these protagonists have their work cut out for them.

Director Richard Wright shares his feelings about this clever comedy and why the intertwining of fantasy and reality will have audience members tickled. "It is a comedy that makes fun of fairytales," he

said. "But it also involves a lot of modern references. The audience knows the fairytales and they'll know the references, so I think they will enjoy that combination."

Wright is no stranger to the stage. He has been involved in countless play productions for the Lewis & Clark Theatre Company for the past 12 years. His most

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# **Family Matters At Mount Marty**

## 'O'Conner Girls' Set For Family Weekend

#### BY REILLY BIEL

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For the opening of Mount Marty College's (MMC) theatre season, the school is presenting a play that can potentially

bring a tear to the eye. "The O'Conner Girls" will be shown during MMC's Family Weekend Oct. 22-25 in Marian Auditorium. Thursday through Saturday performances will be at 7:30 p.m. and the Sunday matinee will begin at 2 p.m.

'The O'Conner Girls," written by playwright Katie Forgette, tells the story of a Minnesota family in 1997 grieving the loss of their patriarch. His wife and grown children reunite over the Christmas season to relive painful and joyful memories.

"You would think it's a sad play, but that's not the case," said play director Andy Henrickson. "We are all with family during difficult familial situations. The play is a great testament to the faith this family has."

Henrickson says part of the play's appeal will be its relatability. "The family is Catholic and the parents are pre-Vatican II, so it speaks to different times," he said.

The relatability factor increases the probability of audience members getting invested in the play. "It has a theme of reconciliation

because of things that are revealed about this family over the course of the play," said Henrickson. "It speaks about the relationship the father had with his daughters and the tension there that came from his experience in coming back from the war a changed person.

The play has a small but powerful cast, according to Henrickson.

"We have a couple freshmen in it who are doing a good job," he said. 'Sarah Furrow (Sarah O'Conner) was a non-trad who was in one of my plays



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Elizabeth (Rachel Shippy, foreground) discusses famiy relationships with her sister Martha (Alanna Binder) while going through some family mementos in a scene from "The O'Conner Girls," which will be presented by the Mount Marty College Theatre Department next week as part of the school's Family Weekend festivities.

in 2003-2004, and is back for this one, which doesn't happen often."

Henrickson was mindful of the play's showtime when selecting it for family weekend.

"When I go to a play, I often wonder how long it will be," he said. "This play isn't long so people can look forward to

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## Mily Weekend! This week at **MOUNT MARTY COLLEGE**

Join us for any and all of our events this fall semester! Learn more at www.mtmc.edu.

Bede Art Gallery | Monday - Friday | 8:00 am - 4:30 pm | Framed Illuminations from The Saint John's Bible | October 5 - November 20 The Saint John's Bible on display in MMC Library | Mon-Thurs: 7:30 am - 10 pm | Fri: 7:30 am - 5 pm | Sat: 1 - 5 pm | Sun: 1-10 pm

#### ALTURRAV AATARER 43

1:00 PM 1:30 PM 3:30 PM	SAIUKDAY, UGIUBER 17 Women's Soccer - Central Christian College - Denver, CO Volleyball - York College - York, NE Men's Soccer - Central Christian College - Denver, CO
12:00 PM 2:30 PM 4:00 PM	<b>SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18</b> Women's Soccer - Johnson and Wales - Denver, CO Men's Soccer - Johnson and Wales - Denver, CO Mass - Peace Chapel
7:30 PM	MONDAY, OCTOBER 19 Choral Union Rehearsal - Greg Hall
1:00 PM 1:30 PM 6:00 PM 7:00 PM 7:30 PM 9:30 PM	<b>TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20</b> CAL: Affairs of the Heart: Love Stories in Classical Novels and Films with Dr. Janis Hausmann - Bede Hall 230 Yankton Children's Choir Rehearsal - Bistro JV Volleyball - Dakota State University - Madison, SD CAL: Visio Divina with The Saint John's Bible with Sr. Mary Jo Polak - Bede 117 - call 668-1495 Volleyball - Dakota State University - Madison, SD Rosary - Peace Chapel
10:00 AM 5:30 PM 6:00 PM	WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21 Mass - South Dining Room, Roncalli Women's Soccer - Dakota Wesleyan University - Mitchell, SD CAL: Rediscovering Mary for the 21st Century with

- Dr. Helen Ciernick LIB 205
- JV Volleyball Northwestern College Orange City, IA 6:00 PM
- 7:30 PM Volleyball - Northwestern College - Orange City, IA
- 8:00 PM Men's Soccer - Dakota Wesleyan University - Mitchell, SD

#### THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22

12:00 PM	Noon Forum: "On the Frontlines of the 2014 Ebola Outbreak in		
	Liberia, Africa" with Phil Jaquith - South Dining Room		
2:30 PM	CAL: Catching the Big One with Dr. Erin Riibe - LIB 205		
7:30 PM	MMC Theatre Presents: The O'Conner Girls - Marian Auditorium		
8:30 PM	Adoration - Peace Chapel		
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	FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23		
ALL DAY	Blue and Gold Campus Visit Day		
8 AM - 7 PM	Pages Bookstore Open		
3.00 PM	Family Weekend Begins THEME:		

Volleyball - Waldorf College - Cimpl Arena Neon Night! 7:00 PM MMC Theatre Presents: The O'Conner Girls - Marian Auditorium 7:30 PM The O'Conner Girls Post-Production Reception - Sponsored by the 9:00 PM MMC Gregorian Club - Bede Art Gallery

#### **SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24**

ALL DAY	Family Weekend	
8 AM - 5 PM	Pages Bookstore Open	
8:00 AM	Registration for MMC Nursing's Trick or Trot Mile and 5	K Run
10:30 AM	Cross Country - MMC Invitational - HSC Grounds	
12:00 PM	JV Volleyball - Concordia University - Cimpl Arena	
1:00 PM	Women's Soccer - Hastings College - NFAA Complex	THEME: Spirit Wear
1:30 PM	Volleyball - Concordia University - Cimpl Arena	Spirit Wear
3:00 PM	Men's Soccer - Hastings College - NFAA Complex	
7:30 PM	MMC Theatre Presents: The O'Conner Girls - Marian A	uditorium

#### MMC THEATRE PRESENTS: THE O'CONNER GIRLS

OCTOBER 22-25 | TH/F/S - 7:30 PM | SUNDAY - 2:00 PM FOR TICKETS CALL 668-1234 OR VISIT WWW.MTMC.EDU/ARTS

### FALL CHORAL SHOWCASE

OCTOBER 29, 2015 | 7:30 PM | MARIAN AUDITORIUM

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