



Commissioned Play Marks Gala Opening of Performing Arts Centers

January 8, 2004, Waterford, Mich. -The Waterford School District has commissioned a play, Frances: Little Bear Woman, exclusively for the District in celebration of two new Performing Arts Centers on the campuses of Mott and Kettering High Schools. The performances in February will mark the gala opening of both of these facilities.

Steven Kosinski, Performing and Visual Arts Supervisor, commissioned the play last year to be written by Dennis E. North, whose plays, including Orphan Train and Let It Be, have been performed off-Broadway in New York as well as at the Purple Rose Theatre Company and the University of Michigan. Frances: Little Bear Woman tells the true life story of Frances Slocum, kidnapped as a five-year old child by Delaware Indians, and raised as a Native American.

Steve Kosinski will direct the production and says the play will be cast from Kettering and Mott students, as well as elementary and middle school children, plus members of the community at large. "Although we will be having Holiday concerts and other activities in the performing arts centers prior to this gala kick-off, we're very excited about involving our entire community in this theatre production to 'christen' our new facilities. It isn't often that students and adults get to work so closely together onstage. This is a marvelous opportunity for families to share an educational and artistic event of this magnitude."

Frances: Little Bear Woman will be performed on February 5 & 6, 7:30 p.m., Performing Arts Center, Mott Campus and on February 7, 7:30 p.m. and February 8, 2:00 p.m., Performing Arts Center, Kettering Campus. Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$6 for students and senior citizens (rows A-L) or \$7 and \$5 respectively for rows M-X. For more information call the box office at 248.673-4205.

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