

# Theater: Pocket Playhouse plans a full schedule of weekly shows

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Sanders said, "they give you a chance to really surprise the audience and gives them a chance to participate in something new."

The new year also holds a full schedule of weekly Pocket Playhouse shows, which are put on by undergraduates. The graduate student-run theater, the Arena, will hold four shows interspersed with the mainstage four.

Friday will be a full day for Absolute Improv as they put on an afternoon show at the EMU Amphitheater, take part in a showcase at Robinson in the early evening and headline at an EMU Ballroom show to close the night.

Neither the theater department nor Absolute lost many performers to graduation. The extensive requirements of the major held up many would-be graduates, Sanders said.

"This program is not a professional industrial training program," he explained. "When you're done, you'll be able to do a Shakespearian monologue and build a platform."

## 1998-99 Robinson Season

### 'GUYS AND DOLLS':

A musical fable of love, marriage and temperance. Songs include "Luck Be a Lady," "Sit Down You're Rocking the Boat," "If I were a Bell" and "I've Never Been in Love Before." Directed by Jack Watson. Shows on Nov. 6, 7; 12-14; 20, 21

### 'A STREETCAR NAMED DESIRE':

Blanche DuBois is a Southern belle whose life has been undermined by her romantic illusions to the point that she cannot face the realities of life as they are harshly presented by her sister, Stella, after Blanche moves to New Orleans. Directed by Kirk Boyd. Shows on Jan. 29, 30; Feb. 4-6; 11, 12

### 'OUR TOWN':

Humor, picturesqueness and pathos are set against a background of centuries of social history in a 1901 New Hampshire village. Directed by Ed Ragozzino. Shows on April 9, 10; 15-17; 23, 24

### 'DARK OF THE MOON':

The play is set in the Smoky Mountains and recounts the tale of an elfin witch boy who once saw Barbara Allen and was smitten in love. He is given human form to woo her and from there the story unfolds. Directed by Joseph Gilg. Shows on May 21, 22; 27-29; June 4, 5

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