

Students return to the stage at EOU



Alex Wittwer/The Observer
Jeremiah Dockweiler, center, and other members of the cast rehearse on Tuesday, Oct. 26, 2021.

'All Together Now' music review set for Nov. 12 and 13

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LA GRANDE — Music is returning to McKenzie Theatre, and the voices of a 40-member choir will be echoed around the world as other groups perform "All Together Now," the same songs on the same weekend.

It all started last spring, said Kenn Wheeler, associate professor of theater at Eastern Oregon University. That's when Music Theatre International, one of the major companies that sells the rights to perform musicals, offered a musical free of charge.

Wheeler said it usually costs \$3,000 to \$6,000 for the rights to a musical.

"They made an offer to any school in the world — they'd give them a musical review for free. Which is unheard of," Wheeler said.

The goal is to celebrate returning to the stage after months of no performances.

"We have not done any theater since March of 2020. For over 18 months, we haven't done a show," Wheeler said. "This will hopefully be an introduction back to the normal world of theater."

More than 2,500 theaters and high schools around the world will perform "All Together Now" on the weekend of Nov. 12-14.

"It's really exciting to think there are 5,000 performers performing the same show at the same time," Wheeler said.

The EOU theater and music departments — the chamber choir, specifically — are combining to present "All Together Now."

"We share a lot of students," Wheeler said.

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