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GRAPES OF WRATH COMES TO UM'S MONTANA THEATRE

MISSOULA --

The curtain will go up on the stage adaptation of John Steinbeck's "The Grapes of Wrath" Tuesday, March 19, at The University of Montana.

Performances of the drama/dance department production will begin at 8 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday, March 19-23, and Tuesday through Saturday, March 26-30, in the Montana Theatre of the Performing Arts and Radio/Television Center. A March 30 matinee will begin at 2 p.m.

Two UM students from Missoula each play two roles in the production: Stephen Millhouse plays Muley Graves and Floyd Knowies, and Joseph Richards plays the Third Car Salesman and the Fourth Narrator. Missoula students working on the production staff are Scott Hochhalter, stage manager, and Colleen Kriley, sound designer.

The other players are Douglas Hary of Great Falls, Cole Porter and David Pust of Billings, Bobby Gutierrez of Riverton, Wyo., and Tiffany Lassen of Sandpoint, Idaho.

Steinbeck's work is a classic Great Depression-era story about a family, the Joads, who lose their Oklahoma farmstead to repossession and move to California in search of a new life. The UM production is the Frank Galati stage adaptation of the novel.

Tickets cost \$10 for the general public, \$9 for students and senior citizens and are on sale at Worden's, Rockin Rudy's and the box office in the lobby of the Performing Arts and

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Radio/Television Center. For information and reservations, call the box office at (406) 243-4581 between 11:30 a.m and 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

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