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LOCAL UM STUDENT HAS ROLE IN STEINBECK ADAPTATION

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—Missoula with Tiffany Lassen, a UM student from Sandpoint, Idaho, as a member of the cast of seven.

Lassen plays two roles, Elizabeth Saundry and Second Narrator.

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.

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 and \$9 for students and senior citizens. 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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