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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 Cole Porter and David Pust, two UM students from Billings, in leading roles.

Porter plays Noah, and Pust has the role of Al.

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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