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### **EVENT OFFERS ROUSING INTRODUCTION TO PLAYS OF MOLIERE**

#### **MISSOULA—**

French playwright Jean-Baptiste Poquelin, better known as Moliere, was a 17th century master of comic satire who entertained audiences with his irreverent wit, wisdom and charm.

Actor, director and playwright Timothy Mooney will bring his energetic one-man introduction to Moliere's works -- "Moliere Than Thou" -- to The University of Montana on Tuesday, Sept. 19, .

The event will be held at 7 p.m. in the Masquer Theatre, located in the Performing Arts and Radio/Television Center. Tickets cost \$7 and may be purchased in advance or the night of the performance at the PAR/TV box office.

Audience members will be treated to Mooney's outrageous monologues, full of buffoonery and double entendre, as he reinvigorates Renaissance theater. During the performance a few aspiring actors may even get an opportunity to join Mooney on stage.

Mooney has worked in various theater professions for almost 30 years. He was artistic director of Chicago's Stage Two Theatre Company, where he produced nearly 50 plays in five years -- most of them original works.

When Stage Two turned to the classics, Mooney adapted his rhymed, iambic-

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pentameter versions of the plays of Moliere, creating 15 new plays in seven years. His writing brought him full circle, back in front of the footlights as a performer in lead roles in many of the works he had written.

In addition to his one-man performances, Mooney teaches workshops and is developing a text on the theater titled "Acting at the Speed of Life."

"Moliere Than Thou" is sponsored by the Alliance Francaise de Missoula, the UM Department of Drama/Dance and the University's Department of Modern and Classical Languages and Literatures.

For more Information about Mooney's performances, go online to <http://moliere-in-english.com>.

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