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EVENT EXAMINES LIFE, WORK OF MOLIÈRE

MISSOULA—

University of Montana French and drama/dance students and Associate Professor Michel Valentin will present “Molière, a Playwright for all Seasons” at 7 p.m. Monday, Dec. 3, in the Montana Theatre.

The event, which is free and open to the public, will explore the life and work of the playwright and offer excerpts from films and music of his times (1622-73). UM students also will read excerpts from Molière’s plays in English.

The Dec. 3 examination of Molière’s works is presented in conjunction with UM drama/dance performances of his play “Tartuffe” at 7:30 p.m. Nov. 27-Dec. 1 and Dec. 4-8 in the Montana Theatre, located in the Performing Arts and Radio/Television Center.

“Tartuffe” debuted in 1664 and was panned by church authorities and banned by royal edict. However, it soon returned to the stage by popular demand. Valentin said it is a classic work by an unparalleled observer of human nature.

For tickets to UM performances of “Tartuffe,” call the Drama/Dance Box Office at 243-4581 between 11:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

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