

November 11, 2015

For Immediate Release

**Department of Fine and Performing Arts presents  
*Dinner à la Morte: Murder Mystery Dinner Theatre***

University of Dubuque theatre students will present *Dinner à la Morte*, a murder mystery dinner theatre production, Saturday, January 30, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. and Sunday, January 31, 2016 at 12:00 p.m. in the University's Babka Black Box Theatre, located in Heritage Center. The production will be directed by adjunct professor Molly Hoefflin of Die Laughing Players, Dubuque's interactive theatre expert.

WHAT: *Dinner à la Morte: Murder Mystery Dinner Theatre*  
WHEN: Saturday, January 30, 2016, 6:00 p.m.  
Sunday, January 31, 2016, 12:00 p.m.  
WHERE: Babka Theatre at Heritage Center, University of Dubuque  
TICKETS: \$30

Set in prohibition-era 1929, the story begins at Katherine Ryan's dinner party, held in honor of her late husband (and banker) Francis Ryan. Audience members will be "guests" of Mrs. Ryan's, and enjoy a catered meal as the mystery unfolds. Eight student-actors will portray colorful characters throughout the evening, opening with a welcome during which a maître d' will mingle with and distribute new identities to guests, followed by an initial presentation of the plot, moving into dinner where each guest will have a chance to guess "whodunit," and closing with a final wrap-up to the mystery.

*Dinner à la Morte* is a scholarship fundraising event sponsored by the Alpha Psi Omega National Theatre Honor Society. It is the third production from UD's theatre students this academic year, following a fall performance of *Memphis*, directed by Amy Ressler, director of theatre and dance at the University. The department also put on a 24-Hour Theatre Project, in which students wrote, cast, designed, and performed a play all within 24 hours.

Reservations for *Dinner à la Morte* can be made before 5:00 pm on Monday, January 25, 2015 at Heritage Center's Farber Box Office, open Monday through Friday from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; by phone at 563-585-SHOW; or online at [www.dbq.edu/heritagecenter](http://www.dbq.edu/heritagecenter).

###

For further information, please contact Kristi Lynch, director of public information, at 563-589-3267.