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Laugh it Up with The Improvised Shakespeare Company

Heritage Center, the University of Dubuque's performing arts, worship, and campus center, continues its 3rd annual *Live at Heritage Center* Performing Arts Series with *The Improvised Shakespeare Company* Friday, February 26 at 7:30 p.m. Based on one audience suggestion, *The Improvised Shakespeare Company* creates a fully improvised Shakespearean masterpiece live, on the spot.

WHAT: *Live at Heritage Center* Performing Arts Series – *The Improvised Shakespeare Company*
WHEN: Friday, February 26, 2016, 7:30 p.m.
WHERE: John and Alice Butler Hall, Heritage Center
TICKETS: \$25-\$30 adult, \$20-\$25 UD alumni, \$15 students

Chicago's *Improvised Shakespeare Company* creates a fully improvised play using the language and themes of William Shakespeare. Each player has brushed up on his "thee's" and "thou's" to bring you an evening of off-the-cuff comedy filled with power struggles, star-crossed lovers, sword-play, asides, insults, persons in disguise, and all that we've come to expect from the pen of the Great Bard. Nothing has been planned out, rehearsed, or written. All of the dialogue is spoken for the first time, the characters are created as you watch, and if ever you're wondering where the story is going...so are they! The night could reveal a tragedy, comedy, or history. Much in the style of Chicago's famed Second City, each play is completely improvised, and therefore, entirely new! According to *TimeOut Chicago*, "It's a night of Elizabethan tomfoolery that's not to be missed."

The show will be preceded by a free pre-show concert on the Cyber Café Knapp Stage from 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. featuring the UD Campus Worship Music Ministry Team. Through music, they share God's word and love. The praise band includes numerous UD students on vocals and instruments.

Tickets for *The Improvised Shakespeare Company* can be purchased now at the Farber Box Office Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at Heritage Center, University of Dubuque, 2255 Bennett Street; by phone at 563-585-SHOW; or online at www.dbq.edu/heritagecenter.

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