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## SWOSU Staging Christmas Crisis at Mistletoe Mesa

Photo Caption: Christmas Crisis at Mistletoe Mesa will be featured November 16-17 on the SWOSU campus in Weatherford. Company members include (front row from left): Skylar Goodwin, Cordell; Savannah McCormick, Okarche; Izzy Moad, Erick; Ceirra Sorrells, Moore; and Hannah Detweiler, Thomas. Second row from left—Daniel McGuire, Grove; Lupita Mora, Marble Falls TX; Dillon Propst, Stillwater; Colleen McGowan, Oklahoma City; Kendra Place, Washington; Alexander Shook, Sayre; and William Appel, Calgary, Alberta Canada. Back row from left—Han Yu Shin, Taiwan; RyLee Combs, Duke; Payton Phillips, Shallowater TX; Jaelynn McCormick, Denver CO; Carlos Ramirez, Elk City; Chandler Seaton, Stroud; and Grant Crews, Okarche.

Melodrama *Christmas Crisis at Mistletoe Mesa* will be featured November 16-17 at Southwestern Oklahoma State University in Weatherford.

The SWOSU Department of Art, Communication and Theatre is presenting the production on Friday, November 16, at 7 p.m. and Saturday, November 17, at 2 p.m. in the SWOSU Hilltop Theatre.

Reservations begin Monday, November 12. Admission is \$5 for adults, \$3 for non-SWOSU students and free for individuals with a valid SWOSU I.D. To make reservations or for more information, call the SWOSU Hilltop Theatre Box Office at 580.774.6046. Box Office hours are Monday through Friday 4-7 p.m.

The 45-minute melodrama, written by R. Eugene Jackson, introduces the audience to the villains of the play, Mama and Ebenezer Grunch, two people so mean they would ban Christmas, rip down all the decorations and outlaw Christmas wrapping. They set up the “crisis” in Mistletoe Mesa when they trick Happy Holiday into signing over the deed to the town. They even kidnap Santa Claus and lock him in the outhouse, along with his eight reindeer.

As Mama and Ebenezer Grunch try to succeed with their evil plans, they are challenged by the hero, Happy Holiday, and some of the other hilarious characters in this melodramatic town: the heroine—Mary Christmas, her good friend Holly Bush, Tiny Kim and even an appearance by good ol’ St. Nick himself.

The production is truly a family affair and appropriate for all ages. Audience members should come prepared to cheer on the hero and to heckle the villains.

The production is under the guidance of SWOSU Assistant Professors Jessica Salmans and Steve Strickler.

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