

# Christmas Crisis Play This Weekend at SWOSU

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Tyler Powell (middle) gets tricked into signing the town deed to Rusty Edwards as Ebenezer Grunch and Cierra Musick as Mama in *Christmas Crisis at Mistletoe Mesa* that is being staged this Thursday through Saturday, November 29-December 1, at Southwestern Oklahoma State University in Weatherford. Curtain time is 7:30 p.m. each night in the Old Science Building Auditorium on the SWOSU campus. Admission is \$5 for adults, \$3 for non-SWOSU students, and free for individuals with an SWOSU I.D. card. The play is for all audiences.

A student-produced main stage theatre production will take place this weekend on the Southwestern Oklahoma State University in Weatherford.

*Christmas Crisis at Mistletoe Mesa* will be staged Thursday, November 29, through Saturday, December 1, at 7:30 p.m. in the Old Science Building Auditorium on the SWOSU campus. The production is made possible by the SWOSU Department of Communication and Theatre and its student theatre organization, Alpha Psi Omega.

“*Christmas Crisis at Mistletoe Mesa* is a 45-minute melodrama that director Randi Wallace of Hobart says is sure to please all audiences—both young and young at heart. Admission is \$5 for adults, \$3 for non-SWOSU students, and free for individuals with an SWOSU I.D. card. For more information, call 580.774.3240.

Audiences will follow the dastardly plan of 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.

Other hilarious characters include the heroine—Mary Christmas, her good friend Holly Bush, Tiny Kim, and even Santa Claus.

Altus junior Dayna Robinson is the scenic designer for the production. She has created an environment of the small Arizona town Mistletoe Mesa in the late 1800s. Other student designers include Burns Flat junior Jess Moore as sound designer; Sentinel senior Julie Barnett as graphics designer; Fort Worth, TX sophomore Ashley Howard as makeup designer; Weatherford junior Rachel Giacometti as costume designer; Calumet freshman Tanner Fisher as props designer; and Oklahoma City Westmoore senior August Fletcher as the lighting designer. The production is being stage managed by Watonga sophomore Melissa Giles. Faculty member Paul Shaffer is overseeing the technical elements as the technical director of the production.