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Dominican Theatre Presents “Les Miserables”

First of six performances to begin Feb. 29

WHITEFISH BAY, Wis. – Dominican High School will present six performances of the epic musical, “Les Miserables,” from Feb. 29 to March 9.

“Les Mis,” which has played to audiences worldwide for over 20 years, is based on Victor Hugo’s historic novel of convict Jean Valjean, who seeks to start a new life just after the French revolution.

“‘Les Mis’ is an epic tale of forgiveness, revolution, justice, faith, love and possibility,” said Director Jeff Schaetzke. “It also has one of the most beautiful and soaring musical scores ever written for theatre, which serves to enhance the intensity and spiritual aspects of the play.”

Noting that all dialogue is sung, Schaetzke said, “We certainly have the spiritual talent and voices in the cast needed to pull a show like this off. But I also chose to do ‘Les Mis’ because I like to offer our students a broad mix of theatre experiences throughout their four years at Dominican.”

A total of 87 Dominican students are involved in the production as members of the cast and crew, as well as three grade school students. Lead actors include David Lancelle as Jean Valjean, Chris Bernbrock as Javert, Jamie Beuche as Marius, N’Jameh Camara as Eponine, Brigid O’Brien as Cosette, Amanda Angelo as Fantine, Doug Nogrady as Monsieur Thenardier, Mary Linn as Madame Thenardier and Michael Raspanti as Enjolras.

Other Dominican cast members include: Shawn Avery, Taylor Boyd, Erin Brauer, Will Bredeson, Zak Breyfogle, Ana Brondino, Jenna Burr, Mary Alice Carroll, Stefani Coleman, Wyatt Engl, Lizzie Fons, Ryanna Fore, Liz Formella, Jesse Galimoto-Grebe, Frank Galka, Margarita Guerrero, Ann Hagner, Chris Hoelter, Jon Kline, Pami Klug, Erika Koppe, Becca Lade, Catherine Moede, Courtney Neale, Marissa Neale, Ben O’Connell, Tim O’Connell, Katie O’Neil, Maggie O’Neil, Sophia Outemzabet, Tanya Outemzabet, Madeline Pagel, Eric Pfeiffer, Leigh Poellmann, Anthony Pollman, Teddy Popalisky, Veronica Rodriguez, Katy Schuele, Marshall Sims, LeAnn Vance, Peter Vartanian, Brittany White, Tory Wirth, Xai Yang, Rachel Zembrowski and Lizzie Ziemer.

The stage manager for “Les Mis” is Molly Brauer and assistant stage managers are Alie Piatt and Isabel Arisso.

Other crew members include: Josh Adrian, Claudia Arisso, Teddy Balistreri, Katie Bolan, Nathan Bredeson, Haji Camara, Janis Cava, Jenna Cava, Jessica Connors, Mary Davison, Amanda Domer, Harrison Gall, Deanna Gauthier, Anna Herzfeld, Christina Hill, Tony Kovichich, Maryrose Langoehr, Andy Lijewski, Anna Lijewski, Emma Logman, Emily Lotz, Theresa Nosacek, David Pagel, Joe Rosing, Matt Schlaikowski, Luke Starke, Stephanie Thomas, Steve Thomas and Hans Wustruck.

Performance & Ticket Order Information

Dominican's production of "Les Mis" will premiere with a 7:30 p.m. performance on Friday, Feb. 29. Additional performance dates and times are: 7:30 p.m. Saturday, March 1; 2 p.m. Sunday, March 2; 7 p.m. Thursday, March 6; 7:30 p.m. March 7; and 2 p.m. Sunday, March 9.

(Editor's Note: There is no Saturday, March 8 performance.)

Advance purchase tickets, priced at \$9 for adults and \$6 for students, are available for all performances. Tickets also will be available one hour prior to performance at a cost of \$10 for adults and \$7 for students.

To purchase tickets in advance, call the Dominican Box Office at 414.332.1170, ext. 485, or print the Ticket Order Form from the school's website at: www.dominicanhighschool.com.

"Les Mis" Super Saturday Workshop

Director Jeff Schaetzke will conduct a "Les Mis" Workshop for students in 4th through 8th grades from 4:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Saturday, March 1. Participants will sing, dance and rehearse songs from the musical to prepare for a 6:45 p.m. performance on the Dominican auditorium stage prior to the 7:30 p.m. show. Workshop cost of \$10 per participant includes pizza and a "Les Mis" t-shirt. Call 414.332.1170, ext. 131 for more information, or print the Workshop registration form off the Dominican website at www.dominicanhighschool.com

Dominican High School is a leader in secondary education, providing young men and women with a quality, Catholic college-preparatory education in a small, nurturing environment. Founded over 50 years ago by the Sinsinawa Dominicans and based in Whitefish Bay, Wis., Dominican's diverse population draws students from more than 50 grade schools and four counties across southeastern Wisconsin.

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Editor's Note: Students will be available for photos during full dress rehearsals at the school auditorium from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 23 and from 6:15 p.m. to 9 p.m. on both Monday, Feb. 25 and Tuesday, Feb. 26.