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Crowder Theatre Christmas Production

Neosho, MO – The Crowder College Theatre will perform, **AESOP'S FABLE-OUS CHRISTMAS TREE**, written by Michael Gravois, Friday, December 5th at 7:00pm and Saturday, December 6th at 10:00am & 2:00pm. Admission: Children (12 and under) - \$1; Adults - \$3 (\$1 discount for adult tickets with a canned food item). Call: 417-455--5458 for reservations. The production runs about 1 hour and is suitable for all ages. Our target audience is pre-k to 6th grade.

When Aesop's fables are given a holiday spin, you'll get a mash-up of *The Twelve Days of Christmas* and *The Tortoise and the Hare*, where the six birds of Christmas compete in a comical race—with the turtle dove winning, of course; a tiny snow mouse teaches the abominable snowman that little friends may prove great friends; Ebenezer Scrooge realizes that wealth unused might as well not exist; Santa's elves dream of a life outside the workshop as they sing a "patter poem" about their ideal careers; and even though the eight reindeer panic when Rudolph gets a cold in the nose, they learn that necessity is the mother of invention. A dozen vignettes illuminate important life lessons by reinventing the classic fables, blending humor, rhythmic elements, rapping, puppetry, poetry, song and storytelling to create a fast-paced, fun-filled show that's filled with Christmas spirit.

The production is under the direction of Shirley Gollhofer and the cast includes:

Brandon Hall (Sarcoxie) - Actor 1
Russell Gonzalez (Monett) - Actor 2
Zaq Ezell (Neosho) - Actor 3
Tyler Dallis (Exeter) - Actor 4
Jesse Van Da Griff (Joplin) - Actor 5
Sam Swanson (Neosho) - Actor 6
Anna Jones (Nevada) - Actor 7
Jolene Jenkins (Goodman) - Actor 8
Sarah Leggett (Carl Junction) – Actor 9
Makenzie Schwalm (El Dorado Springs) – Actor 10

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