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**Upcoming Crowder College Theatre Production**

**Neosho, MO** - Crowder College Theatre Presents ***A Couple of Blaguards*** by Frank & Malachy McCourt, June 19-21, 7:30 nightly *plus* 2 p.m. Saturday matinee at the Elsie Plaster Community Center on the Crowder College Campus in Neosho, MO.

Tickets will be available at the door, no reservations required. General Admission: \$8, Crowder Staff/Crowder Students: \$4, Senior Citizens: \$5.

***A Couple of Blaguards***, a two-man show by literary greats Frank and Malachy McCourt, is a bubbling stew of their well-known humor with a dash of poignancy to sharpen the flavor. A comedic springboard for *Angela's Ashes*, *'Tis*, and Malachy's *A Monk Swimm'n*, this brilliantly structured comedy is a proven crowd-pleaser offering solid entertainment. Similar to Frank McCourt's best-selling novels, the story follows the trials of the young McCourts in poverty-stricken Limerick, Ireland, to their journey to the U.S. and Brooklyn, New York, where the young men learn to incorporate the day-to-day lessons of their hard Irish past. A story of immigration, triumph over hardship, and the love between family, ***A Couple of Blaguards*** is a theatrical event that will find a place in the heart of every audience member. *Mixes the sweetness and kick of an Irish coffee.* – *Newsday Hurry! Hurry! Hurry! Do not under any circumstances miss the entertaining show A Couple of Blaguards...fast moving and furious fun...what more could you ask, than this 90 or so minutes (with intermission) of Irish fable, fun, and frolic with a nip of the Blarney to enchant?* - Sanibel-Captiva Islander

Directed by Shirley Gollhofer

Frank McCourt.....Jesse Van Da Griff

Malachy McCourt.....Zaq Ezell

Rated PG-13. Stay updated with Crowder Theatre: [www.facebook.com/CrowderCollegeTheatre](http://www.facebook.com/CrowderCollegeTheatre)

**Special guest musician, Nancy M. Daily, Thursday night only! Music begins at 7:00 p.m., June 19<sup>th</sup>.**

Nancy is a traditional learner of guitar, hammered dulcimer and bodhrán. She began her music career during college with the choir at Catholic Campus Ministry at SMSU, soon providing vocals and guitar accompaniment for weddings. In the late 1980's she began performing Christmas music for local events and gradually began learning to play hammered dulcimer. Since the late 1990's her concentration has focused on traditional Irish children's and family songs and tunes on hammered dulcimer. Her interests are moving toward historical songs and composing her own tunes. She has performed with the bands, Cullen's Hound and the Hooligans. She currently participates in an Irish seisiún weekly in Springfield, MO.

For more information please call 417-455-5470.

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