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### **H-I-L-A-R-I-O-U-S Musical Comedy Spelling Bee at GSU**

University Park, IL, January 17, 2017 –Six tween spellers learn that winning isn't everything and that losing doesn't necessarily make you a loser. That's the lesson in this quirky Tony award-winning musical with a charming cast of outsiders for whom a spelling bee is the one place where they can stand out and fit in at the same time. **The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee** presented by Southland Area Theatre Ensemble (SLATE) buzzes into GSU's Center for Performing Arts on **February 3 and 4 at 8 p.m. and Feb 4 at 3 p.m.** Who will win? Who will be crushed?

The bee is roller coaster of music, dance, heart and fun! This is not a children's production; be prepared for A-D-U-L-T humor.

SLATE Artistic Director J.R. Rose says, "Spelling Bee is just one of those musicals where the audience is laughing out loud from beginning to end! Lovable characters, beautiful songs, and the thrill of the bee keeps you cheering for your favorite speller and hooked till the end. If you don't come out to GSU to see The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee you will be S-O-R-R-Y!"

### **The D-E-T-A-I-L-S**

Cast Members: Danna Bohne (Highland, IN); Julie Martin (Frankfort); Maria Barwegen (Kankakee); Meghan Hoyt (St. John, IN); Jeffrey Weingartner (Mokena); Aaron Mitchell Reese (Chicago); Tyler McMahon (Kankakee); Brandon Willard (Tinley Park); and Scott Sowinski (Flossmoor)

### **For Tickets and Information**

**Tickets: \$28**

Online: [CenterTickets.net](http://CenterTickets.net)

By Phone: 708.235.2222

In Person at the Box Office: 1 University Parkway, University Park, IL

Box Office Hours: Monday- Friday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. (open to 6p.m. on Thursdays) & 2 hours prior to all performances

Parking is free. For best GPS directions always use the location search term "Governors State University" only.

This is SLATE's 14th production, since the organization's inception in 2008, directed by J.R. Rose. A portion of the funding is provided by First Midwest Bank and The Illinois Arts Council, a state agency.

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