



News release

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**WGTD Radio Theater features 'Professor' characters
in annual holiday show**

WGTD Radio Theater will present a holiday installment of the gang from its ongoing series "It's the Professor," in "Christmas in Branson" 11:15 a.m. Dec. 15 in Room 120 of Gateway's Center for Bioscience and Information Technology on the Kenosha Campus, 3520-30th Ave.

The musical variety show will feature characters from the "Professor" series taking a bus to Branson, Miss., to see the show, "A Branson Family Christmas."

"We committed to the entire troupe we would cast any actor who wanted to be in the annual Christmas show," said Mike Ullstrup, co-executive producer and writer of the popular "Professor" series. "We will have 23 actors in this show. By the way, there are no small parts..."

Ullstrup and Steve Brown wrote and will produce the show. "Our variety shows are some of our most popular, so we brought together the music of three great local singers and musicians and built a story around them," said Brown.

Performing live will be the Dixie Dudes, hailing from Salem and northern Illinois and returning to the holiday show after a two-year hiatus. The music of Larry Zarletti will also be featured. He, too, performed at a Christmas show a few

years ago. Finally, Tom Goss, a Tremper High School graduate who now lives in Washington D.C., will perform a Christmas song.

“In the past, we’ve had the mayors of Racine and Kenosha on our show,” said Brown. “This year, we reached west of the Interstate to our own hometown and asked Salem town chair, the Honorable Diann Tesar, to be our special VIP guest. She stars as herself.”

Performers include Julie Burton, Rene Bushelle, Siegfried Christoph, Viki DuMez, Alexa Eaves, Todd Eaves, Ryan Farrell, Glyn Garside, Caralee Giuntoli, Don Jensen, Brianna Lien, Susan Lien, Teresa Meyers, Krista Oezer, John O’Leksy, Andrew Potter, Thom Powers, Carolyn Recker, Baz Spencer, Cameron Spencer, Naomi Waisman- Zabler, Evan Zuhlke, and Kathy Zuhlke. Barb Tylla and Bob Neumann will provide sound effects and technical support.

Audience members are welcome and admission is free. The audience should arrive by 10:45 a.m. In addition to being aired over WGTD, the program will also be streamed live online at WGTD.org. WGTD can be heard in Racine and Kenosha counties at 91.1 FM, in the Elkhorn area at 101.7 FM, and in the Lake Geneva area at 103.3 FM.

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