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## Laboratory Theatre Presents “The Rez Sisters”

BLOOMINGTON, Ill. – The Illinois Wesleyan University School of Theatre Arts will present “The Rez Sisters” a Native American comedy by Tomson Highway, Oct. 29,30, and 31 at 8:00 p.m. in the E. Melba Johnson Kirkpatrick Laboratory Theatre (304 E. Graham St., Bloomington). The play, which spans the summer of 1986, focuses on the lives of seven sisters living on an Indian Reservation. The sisters snatch the opportunity to leave the “rez” behind and travel to Toronto to participate in THE BIGGEST BINGO IN THE WORLD. The comedy outlines their humorous trials and triumphs as they attempt to claim the prize.

The production has garnered numerous awards, including the Dora Mavor Award for best new play in Toronto’s 1986-87 theatre season and was named runner-up for the Floyd F. Chalmers Award for the outstanding Canadian play of 1986.

Tickets for “The Rez Sisters” go on sale Monday, Oct. 26. General admission is \$3 and \$2 for students, senior citizens and IWU faculty and staff. The box office hours are Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday from 12:30 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. and Tuesday from 12:30 p.m. until 4:00 p.m.

For additional information or to reserve tickets in advance, contact the McPherson Theatre box office at (309) 556-3232.

**Cast Members:** Autumn Sutton (Pelajia Patchnose), Allie Beckmann (Annie Cook), Alyssa Julien (Emily Dictionary), Sarah Bockel (Marie-Adele Starblanket), Britnee Rusicitti (Veronique St. Pierre), Abby Root (Zhaboonigan Peterson), Erica Lecaj (Philomena Moosetail) and Chase Miller (Nanabush)

**Production Team:** Dani Snyder (Director), Amanda Williams (Dramaturg), Michelle Mihlam (SM), Kamaya Thompson (ASM), Rebecca Griffith (Lights), Eugene Kuzmin (Scenic/Props), Nicholas Bursoni (Costumes), Erin Daly (Fight Choreography), Autumn Sutton (Fight Captain), Alyssa Julien (Drum Captain), Blake Brauer (Original Music)