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YOUNGSTOWN, Ohio - Your children (and you) can enjoy participating in the creation of a fairy-tale Feb. 7 at Youngstown State University.

The Taletellers, a professional acting company of the Ohio Performing Arts Company, will perform "The Emperor's New Clothes" at 11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 7, in the Spotlight Arena Theater of Bliss Hall on Wick Avenue.

"The Emperor's New Clothes" was adapted from the original Hans Christian Andersen story by Kathy Schultz Miller, a Cincinnati playwright.

It involves audience participation and provides a fresh and creative approach to the dramatics experience.

This special program is part of the "Family Entertainment Series" for the young and the young-at-heart, which is sponsored by the University's College of Fine and Performing Arts.

The Ohio Performing Arts Company's Taletellers is a professional touring children's theatre group consisting of four adult performers who tour throughout Ohio and Northwestern Pennsylvania. They are directed by J. Douglas Wilson Jr.

Members of the cast are Patricia Moran, Gary Roddy, Faith Linn and Dennis O'Connell.

Moran is beginning her fifth year with the company. While living in Chicago she performed and directed a children's theatre company. She also produced health education programs for a local hospital.

Roddy, in his third year with the company, has a wide range of theatre experience having performed at both Kent State University-Trumbull Campus and Trumbull New Theatre. He is co-director of the Junior Workshop at TNT in Niles.

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A new member of the group, Linn, joined after a summer of working on the Showboat "Becky Thatcher" in Marrietta. She has had leading roles in "Our Town," "The Taming of the Shrew" and the "Miracle Worker." Other credits include a PBS special and educational films for the Goodyear Co. in Akron.

O'Connell joined the Taletellers after working with Akron Children's Theatre, where he had the lead role in "Androcles and the Lion." He has also directed theatre and appeared in films.

"Family Entertainment Series" was developed to serve as an added link between the campus and the community. It offers something the whole family can enjoy together, to make entertainment and education simultaneous and spontaneous, and to expose children to cultural events of high quality.

Each program is approximately one hour long. All are Saturday performances in Bliss Hall.

All tickets are priced at \$1 per performance, and may be purchased from the University Theatre Box Office in Bliss Hall from 9-10:45 a.m. on performance days.

Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Bliss Hall is located on Wick Avenue across from the Butler Institute of American Art and YSU's Maag Library. Free parking is available in any surface lot on campus. Patrons of these programs are encouraged to park in surface lot M-9, located behind Bliss Hall on Walnut Street, which is accessible from East Rayen Avenue. Stairs lead to the first floor lobby of Bliss Hall.

Please call 742-3624 for more information.

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