The Fesler-Lampert Performing Arts Fund was established in 1985 by Elizabeth F. and David R. Fesler (Shattuck School Class of 1946). Through performances, artist residencies, and workshops, the series presents an exciting array of cultural experiences for students, faculty, and the community of Faribault.

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**Fesler-Lampert Performing Arts Series**

**History Theatre presents “Sweet Land, the musical”**

**Thursday, October 12, 2017** • Adults $20, Students $12

The Ivey Award-winning History Theatre brings their hit production of “Sweet Land, the musical” to Newhall Auditorium. The musical was developed from the film “Sweet Land” by Ali Selim and the short story by Minnesota author Will Weaver. Faribault native Ann Michel stars in the role of Inge Altenberg as she journeys to America to marry a bachelor farmer, sight unseen. In the wake of World War I, Inge’s German heritage turns her new neighbors against the match. Under cathedral skies, the determined young immigrant and her stoic farmer fight for their lives, facing their own misgivings and the harshness of an unforgiving land. A lyrical celebration of hard-won independence and a reflection of generations past, “Sweet Land, the musical” reminds us of who we are - and where we came from. Don’t miss this poignant, lyrical celebration of land, love, and the American immigrant experience.

**Vienna Boys Choir**

**Thursday, November 16, 2017** • Adults $30, Students $18

The most famous boys’ choir in the world is coming to Faribault! Audiences and critics worldwide have praised the talented singers of the Vienna Boys Choir for their celestial voices, pure tone, irresistible charm, and above all, a wide-ranging repertoire spanning centuries. With a rich history dating back more than 500 years, the Vienna Boys Choir has been associated with many of the world’s greatest composers, such as Mozart and Bruckner. Haydn and Schubert were themselves choristers. The Vienna Boys Choir performs classical and contemporary works which vary each season. In the fall, they will bring “Bella Italia,” a program of popular and classical compositions from beautiful Italy, to include classical pieces by Vivaldi, Rossini, Verdi, Massagani, and other Italian composers, along with such well known favorites as Santa Lucia, O Sole Mio, Volare, and more. This will be a high-demand show. Order your tickets early! “...their celestial voices, pure tone and wide-ranging repertoire continue to captivate audiences worldwide.” – San Francisco Classical Voice

**All is Calm: The Christmas Truce of 1914**

**presented by Theater Latte’ Da**

**Tuesday, December 12, 2017** • Adults $20, Students $12

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**Buckets and Tap Shoes**

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From their origins as bucket drummers outside Minneapolis sporting arenas, the brother duo – Buckets and Tap Shoes has rapidly become sought-after performers for festivals and concert venues across the country. Buckets and Tap Shoes bring a super-charged blend of music, dance, and drumming from the streets of Minneapolis to events around the globe. Their performances include drums, found objects, tap shoes, buckets, and more - all mixed together to create an exciting, high-voltage rhythmic experience. Since their premiere, Buckets and Tap Shoes has toured internationally to Austria, Finland, Ecuador, Malta, St. Thomas, Costa Rica, and Russia, as well as North American tours to over thirty states. “Utterly brilliant...they are virtuoso percussive players on, yes, buckets and extraordinary tap dancers, as capable of channeling hip-hop as Astaire-like suavity.” – New York Times

**In the Heart of the Beast Puppet and Mask Theater**

**presents The Story of Crow Boy**

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“The Story of Crow Boy,” is an imaginative, theatrical piece that combines puppetry, actors, music, projections, shadowplay, and other devices to explore the intriguing life story of Taro Yashima. He wrestled with human brutality, racial discrimination, and the ravages of World War II to build work of social conscience, compassionate insight, poetic visual form, and ultimately – of joy. Yashima reminds us what it means to be human, and offers understanding into the complexities of cultural survival. This production draws on his autobiographical and fictional books, including the Caldecott Honor Award-winning “CROW BOY” (1956) about a young boy who learns to sing the “voices of crows” in defiance of his years of being bullied. This original production, with its intriguing story and ingenious staging, is a perfect example of the long-established artistry of Heart of the Beast.

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