Xanadu Selected for Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival Region VIII Competition

Encore public performances: **February 3-4**, 7:30 p.m. • **2:00 pm matinee: February 4**
Eccles Theater, Val A. Browning Center for the Performing Arts
Tickets: weberstatetickets.com or 1-800-WSU-TIKS

Encore Performances (and fund raisers) of Xanadu, directed by Jim Christian, book by Douglas Carter Beane, music and lyrics by Jeff Lynne and John Farrar, runs Feb 3-4 at 7:30 pm with a Saturday matinee Feb 4 at 2 p.m., in the Eccles Theater, Val A. Browning Center for the Performing Arts. Tickets are $15. No comp tickets will be honored for these fund-raising performances.

Because of limited seating, it is recommended to purchase tickets in advance. Parents are advised that the word “bitch” is used for comic effect and that there is some mild sexual innuendo.

Xanadu, a metaphor for opulence in Coleridge's poem *Kubla Khan*, becomes a humorous joke when describing the dream of Sonny, a struggling artist in 1980. His greatest creation will be a roller disco. He is inspired and assisted by Clio, a Muse from Olympus disguised as an Australian skater named Kira.

Complications arise when Clio/Kira falls in love with her mortal, inspiring jealous trouble-making by a couple of her sister Muses and breaking the rule set by her father, Zeus, to NOT fall in love with a mortal.

Van Tinkham, scenic designer, is busy with his crew turning the Eccles Theatre into a disco skating palace. The transformation is ingenious.

Congratulations to students Bre Welch (Clio/Kira), Sean Bishop (Sony) and Shelby Anderson (Calliope) who have been nominated to audition for the Irene Ryan Acting Scholarship for their performances in Xanadu. Also recognized are: The Cast of Xanadu for Ensemble Work, Alex Garner & Derek Williamson for “Centaur” Construction; Ben Linford, Video; Austin Hall, Lighting Design; Tyler Banks, Costumes; and J.D. Dumas, Music Direction. The Region VIII Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival will be held at WSU February 7-11. More information about KCACF: http://www.kcactf-8.org/