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## **STAC'S LAETARE PLAYERS PRESENT *MOBY DICK!: THE MUSICAL***

**(SPARKILL, NY – APRIL 3, 2008)** – St. Thomas Aquinas College's spring production, *Moby Dick!: The Musical*, with music and lyrics by Martin Koch, Hereward Kaye and Robert Longden, opens Thursday, April 10<sup>th</sup>, announced Dr. Evan Matthews, Assistant Professor of Music and Director of Music and Theatre at the College.

Under the leadership of producer Dr. Matthews and student director Sean Mundy, the musical tells the story of resourceful female students of St. Godley's School who need to raise money in order to keep their school up and running. In order to do so, the girls and their headmistress, portrayed by a man, decide to put comical twist and humor into their interpretation of the memorable novel, *Moby Dick*. The cast and crew include faculty, alumni, and students from St. Thomas.

"I really feel students should take ownership of the process. Through my experience I can guide them and at the same time give them hands-on experience in all areas of production, including directing," said Matthews.

This is the second student-directed production by the Laetare Players. Last semester's *Rumors* was directed by St. Thomas senior, Dimitry Tchertkoff.

"I never thought I had it in me to direct a full fledged musical production," said Mundy. "But the support I received from Dr. Matthews and my amazingly talented cast allowed me to reach my highest potential. I look forward to opening night and beyond!"

Performances begin at 8:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 10, Friday, April 11, and Saturday, April 12. An additional performance will take place on Sunday, April 13 at 3:00pm. Tickets for this student performance are \$8 for students and \$10 for adults. For reservations contact the Music and Theatre Office at 845-398-4144 or e-mail [laetare@stac.edu](mailto:laetare@stac.edu).

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