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### **Live! at Williams offers something for everyone**

BIG RAPIDS – Live! at Williams is set to engage, enlighten and entertain local audiences in Ferris State University's G. Mennen Williams Auditorium and the Big Rapids and Ferris communities may preview the upcoming performing arts and entertainment events for the 2005-06 season.

Audiences will literally be lifted from their seats with the season opener Oct. 8. Fred Garbo's Inflatable Theater comes to Big Rapids with a performance called "helium light and hilarious" by the New York Times. Bursting with original, fantastic, pneumatic suits of all shapes and sizes, this show includes dexterous juggling, dance, hilarious visual comedy, mischief and even ART. Truly universal in its appeal, the show transcends age and language. It's a performance for the whole family. Tickets for this performance range from \$5 for children under twelve to \$12 for adults.

On Dec. 3, the enchanting sounds and quick steps of Cherish the Ladies will fill Williams Auditorium. With their unique spectacular blend of virtuosi instrumental talents, beautiful vocals, captivating arrangements and stunning step dancing, this powerhouse group combines all the facets of Irish traditional culture and puts it forth in an immensely humorous and entertaining package. Their most recent album, "On Christmas Night," was released to rave reviews and was chosen as one of the top Christmas Albums of the Year by The New York Times, Washington Post, The Village Voice and many other nationally-syndicated Newspapers.

The prolific Scottish author Robert Louis Stephenson virtually invented the genre of modern horror fiction with his gripping classic work *The Strange Case of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde*, to be presented at Williams Auditorium by the Aquila Theatre Company Feb. 4. The Aquila Theatre Company is known for bold and dramatic interpretations of classic literature; theater lovers will find this performance a very compelling evening. Stevenson's story offers compelling views of the nature of human emotion and the bounds of scientific research, a fascinating detective story and a fictional parallel for the unsolved murders of 'Jack the Ripper.'

And finally, Live! at Williams offers a youthful and artful look into the world of hip-hop with the Fly Dance Company. This amazing group of young dancers brings energy and high-risk street dance movements to a surprisingly diverse selection of music. Standing ovations have become the norm for this new and exciting approach to dance and street culture. Fly is expanding dance audiences wherever they go. They attract new attendees because their appeal cuts through age, sex, ethnic and cultural boundaries.

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Season tickets for all four events range from \$32 for students to \$60 for adults and are on sale now. Tickets may be ordered online at [www.ferris.edu/arts](http://www.ferris.edu/arts) or by phone at (231) 591-5600. The Williams Auditorium ticket office, located in the auditorium lobby at 901 S. State St., is open Monday through Friday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. and one hour before the performance. Persons needing special accommodations to attend this performance may call the auditorium office at (231) 591-3676.

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