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FIREBIRD TAKES FLIGHT IN EMU HOLIDAY ADVENTURE FOR FAMILIES

Eastern Michigan University Theatre presents *The Prince, the Wolf and the Firebird*, a funny and fast-paced adventure based on a classic Russian folktale. Written by Jackson Lacey, the two-act play tells the story of a young prince and his quest to keep a promise to the magical Firebird. Performances are December 4, 5, 10, 11 at 7p.m. and December 5, 6, 12 at 3p.m. in the Quirk Theatre, located at the intersection of East Circle Drive and Best Hall on EMU's Ypsilanti Campus.

The Prince, the Wolf and the Firebird opens in the kingdom of Kiev where the king's prized possession is his golden apple tree. When the golden apples are stolen one by one the king is frantic to stop the thief. His two eldest sons are anxious to catch the culprit in order to claim a piece of their father's kingdom, but youngest son Ivan is more concerned in setting off to keep his promise by finding the beautiful Firebird. Ivan's greedy brothers also set off in search of the Firebird, but for a different reason altogether. They wish to kidnap the bird and return it to their father in the hopes of taking the kingdom for themselves. As Ivan dodges the plots of his brothers, he meets a damsel in distress, a magical grey wolf, a clumsy but

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good-hearted king and others. With the help of his new companions, Ivan is able to save the Firebird, find love and win the kingdom in this wise and humorous tale for family audiences. Directed by Pam Cardell, *The Prince, the Wolf and the Firebird* will play in the Quirk Theatre on December 4, 5, 10, 11 at 7p.m. and December 5, 6, 12 at 3p.m.. Due to a running time of approximately 90 minutes plus intermission, the production is recommended for audiences members ages 6 and up.

Ticket prices for the EMU Theatre production of *The Prince, the Wolf and the Firebird* are \$15 Regular Admission, \$12 for students, \$9 for MAINSTAGE patrons, and \$7 for children ages 6-12. Tickets are available by phone at 734.487.2282 and in person at the Convocation Center, the Student Center ticket office or the Quirk Box Office. To purchase tickets online visit: www.emutix.com. For more information about EMU Theatre visit www.emich.edu/emutheatre, fan us on Facebook: Eastern Michigan University Theatre or follow us on Twitter: [emutheatre](https://twitter.com/emutheatre).