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## THE MIDNIGHT COMPANY ANNOUNCES 2008-2009 SEASON

The Midnight Company will present two unique theatre events in its 2008-2009 season. In November, MASS APPEAL by Bill C. Davis, the story of a clash of ideology and personality between an older, entrenched priest and a fiery young seminarian, will be presented at Christ Church Cathedral. And in February, 2009, as a select performance of The Performing Arts Series at The Missouri History Museum, the Company will present the one-man show exploring the life and times of Missouri native and President of the United States Harry Truman, "GIVE 'EM HELL HARRY" by Samuel Gallu.

In MASS APPEAL, Steve Springmeyer will portray Fr. Farley, a genial parish priest who accommodates to survive, while Travis Hanrahan will be Mark Dolson, the seminarian whose instincts cause him to attack for the sake of others' salvation. As each tries to force the other to be a good priest, they learn, in unexpected ways, the nature of courage, friendship and faith. MASS APPEAL will be performed in the magnificent 1867 Gothic revival structure, Christ Church Cathedral, a National Historic Landmark located at 1210 Locust in Downtown St. Louis. It will be presented November 6 through 16, with tickets \$15 (\$10 for Seniors/ Students.) Joe Hanrahan, one of Midnight's co-founders, will direct.

And in February, 2009, Hanrahan will portray Harry Truman, the plain-talking, straight-shooting former haberdasher from Kansas City who found himself in the office of the Presidency during the critical final days of World War II, and then found himself in the middle of some of the great struggles of our age: managing post-WW II economic challenges, charting our course in the beginning of the Cold War, facing down Douglas MacArthur in the midst of the dangerous Korean War, then facing down Joe McCarthy with his Communist witch-hunts. "GIVE 'EM HELL HARRY" deftly mixes this high drama with the charm and humor of Truman's 19th Century rural Missouri upbringing, and highlights the rock-ribbed Midwestern values that upbringing bred. Sarah Whitney will direct "GIVE 'EM HELL HARRY," which will be presented February 12 through 22 in the E. Desmond Lee Auditorium at the Missouri History Museum as a select performance of its new Performing Arts Series. St. Louis Shakespeare, Metro Theater Company and Avalon Theatre Company will also be presenting work in the Series. Tickets for "GIVE 'EM HELL HARRY" will be \$20 (\$18 for Seniors/Students, \$16 for Group tix/Museum Members.) Season tickets for the Series will also be available.

For more information, call The Midnight Company at (314) 487-5305 or visit the Company's website, [midnightcompany.com](http://midnightcompany.com).

Tickets for MASS APPEAL will be available through The Midnight Company. And tickets for "GIVE 'EM HELL HARRY" will be available through The Missouri History Museum. For more information on the Museum, visit their website, [mohistory.org](http://mohistory.org).