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UNCOVERING THE EMPEROR
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DAYTON, Ohio, May 6, 1982 — The magical land of make-believe comes to life when the University of Dayton Performing and Visual Arts Department presents a variation of Hans Christian Anderson's "The Emperor's New Clothes." The Summer Children's Theatre production begins Monday, May 17 and continues daily until Friday, May 22 with curtain time at 12:30 p.m. in Boll Theatre.

The action centers around the life of Emperor Abu (Brian Sajko), a very vain ruler, who is obsessed with his wardrobe. The Emperor's obsession leads to unhappiness in the kingdom of Zanadum Zanadu Zan. His wife, Empress Fatimah (Teresa Bayham), is unable to buy new clothes because all their money is used to purchase the finest clothes for the Emperor. Granny (Rini LaRuffa) is also unhappy because she must wash all the Emperor's clothes.

When his loyal (or maybe not so loyal) subjects cannot stand his vanity for one more minute Lord Babah (Jon Bene), the prime minister of the wardrobe; Lady Bubarah (Mary Ann Hinkle), the giggling lady in waiting; and two tailors, Ali-Ka-Zam (Allison Phillips) and Ali-Ka-Zoo (Tim Johnson) plot to teach the Emperor a lesson.

To see how the story unfolds, attend one of the performances May 17 through May 22. Admission is $1. For more information or reservations, call the UD Theatre Box Office at 229-2545.

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