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**EISEMANN CENTER'S VIEWPOINT BANK THEATRE COMEDY SERIES**  
**PRESENTS "CHURCH BASEMENT LADIES" STARRING**  
**WILLIAM CHRISTOPHER OF M\*A\*S\*H FAME on Oct. 21-25, 2009**

**RICHARDSON, TX** – The 2009-2010 **ViewPoint Bank Theatre Comedy Series** featuring weeklong runs of four hilarious productions, opens with *Church Basement Ladies* playing October 21-25, 2009, featuring **William Christopher** of *MASH* fame (Father Mulcahy) as the Pastor. *Church Basement Ladies* is a celebration of the church basement kitchen and the women who work there, *Church Basement Ladies* is a new musical comedy featuring four distinct characters and their relationships as they organize the food and solve the problems of a rural Minnesota church about to undergo changes in 1964. From the elderly matriarch of the kitchen to the young bride-to-be learning the proper order of things, we see them handle a record breaking Christmas dinner, the funeral of a dear friend, a Hawaiian Easter Fund Raiser, and, of course, a steaming hot July wedding. They stave off potential disasters, share and debate recipes, instruct the young, and keep the Pastor on due course while thoroughly enjoying, (and tolerating) each other as the true "steel magnolias" of the church. Funny and down to earth, audiences will recognize these ladies as they witness the church year unfold from below the house of God.

*Church Basement Ladies* uses the renowned Scandinavian Lutheran humor writings of "The Lutheran Ladies," Janet Martin and Suzann Nelson, authors of a host of humorous books the most famous being *Growing Up Lutheran*. The script is by Jessica Zuehlke and Jim Stowell with music and lyrics by composer Drew Jansen, who gave us the music for the popular long-running hit musical, *How To Talk Minnesotan, The Musical*.

Tickets for *Church Basement Ladies* range from \$33-\$39 and are available online at [www.eisemanncenter.com](http://www.eisemanncenter.com) or by calling the **Eisemann Center Ticket Office at 972-744-4650**. The Ticket Office is open from 10:00 am until 6:00 pm Monday - Saturday and one hour before performances. Group discounts for 10 or more are available by calling our **Group Sales Coordinator at 972-744-4657**.

Two additional matinees have been added to this show schedule on Wednesday, October 21<sup>st</sup> at 2:00 pm and Thursday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> at 2 pm in addition to the regular Saturday, October 24<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, October 25<sup>th</sup> matinees both at 2:00 pm, specifically to accommodate groups who prefer afternoon shows. Evening shows are Thursday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> at 8:00 pm; Friday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> at 8:00 pm; Saturday, October 24<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 pm and Sunday, October 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm.

The Eisemann Center's *Prelude Café* is open for casual pre-show dining for all *Eisemann Center Presents* performances except matinee performances. Reservations are strongly encouraged and can be made by calling 972-367-2000.

The Charles W. Eisemann Center is located at 2351 Performance Drive in Richardson, Texas. The Eisemann Center is accessible from Highway 75 North taking the Galatyn Parkway/Renner Road exit going north and the Galatyn Parkway/Campbell Road exit going south or from the DART light rail station at Galatyn Park. **ViewPoint Bank Theatre Comedy Series** season sponsors include WFAA-TV, KLUV 98.7 FM and *The Dallas Morning News*.

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