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### **ANNIE TO OPEN AT FINE ARTS CENTER THEATER APRIL 8**

Silver City, NM – *Annie*, one of the most successful theater productions of all time, will open at the Western New Mexico University Fine Arts Center Theater April 8.

The musical will run for one weekend only, treating theatergoers to the well-known songs and storyline. Based upon the popular Harold Gray comic strip Little Orphan Annie, the story depicts the life of 11 year-old Annie. The play features musical songs “Tomorrow” and “It’s the Hard-Knock Life.”

Opening night is Friday, April 8 at 7:30 p.m., followed by a Saturday, April 9 showing at 7:30 p.m. and a final performance on Sunday, April 10 at 2:00 p.m.

WNMU students and community members make up the actors who will perform alongside a live orchestra.

*Annie* is directed by associate professor Anne Marie Elder and Antonio Zapata is the musical director. The production is presented by the WNMU Expressive Arts Department and Theater Group New Mexico.

Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$5 for students and free to WNMU students with I.D. Advanced tickets may be purchased at local businesses Alotta Gelato, Curious Kumquat and W&N Enterprises.



*Pictured are the orphans in Annie played by Phoenix Kilbourne, Gabbie Hughes, Gail Gilliam, Ashley Terrazas, Ella Jaz, Sarah Gorog and Sterling Wecks.*

*Located in Silver City, New Mexico, Western New Mexico University has served the people of the state of New Mexico and its surrounding areas as a comprehensive, regional, rural, public coeducational university since 1893 and caters to a student body diverse in age, culture, language and ethnic background.*

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