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**MONTY PYTHON'S SPAMALOT EMBARKS ON A QUEST TO IU AUDITORIUM
OCTOBER 30 AND 31**

WHAT: Spamalot

WHEN: Tuesday & Wednesday, October 30 and 31 – 8:00 p.m.

WHERE: IU Auditorium

TICKETS: Tickets start at \$17 for IU Bloomington students with a valid ID and \$29 for the general public, on sale now. Individual tickets may be purchased online at IUauditorium.com, in person at the IU Auditorium Box Office, as well as through Ticketmaster.com. The IU Auditorium Box Office is open Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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BLOOMINGTON, Ind. – The gut busting medieval musical *Monty Python's Spamalot* comes to IU Auditorium on October 30 and 31. This touring production tells the tale of King Arthur and his Knights of the Round Table as they embark on their quest for the Holy Grail.

Winner of the 2005 Tony Award for Best Musical, this outrageous musical comedy is lovingly ripped off from the film classic *Monty Python and the Holy Grail*. A musical with a book by Eric Idle and music and lyrics by the Grammy Award-winning team of Idle and John Du Prez, audiences will hear unforgettable songs such as "Always Look on the Bright Side of Life," "Find Your Grail," and "Knights of the Round Table."

Spamalot premiered on Broadway at the Shubert Theatre in March of 2005, earning 14 Tony Award nominations and securing the win for the Tony Award for Best Musical. The original cast included Tim Curry as King Arthur and John Cleese as the Voice of God. The show went on to run for four years and 1,575 performances, and has been revived in numerous national tours across America and the UK since 2006.

"Monty Python revolutionized comedy in the 20th century and we are very fortunate to be able to bring a piece of that onto the IU Auditorium stage with *Spamalot*," said Executive Director of IU Auditorium, Doug Booher. "Both comedy and theatre lovers will be able to appreciate the playful parody, hilarious songs, and lavish costumes and set pieces that set the scene for King Arthur's quest with his Knights of the Round Table."

IU Bloomington alum Robert Toms is a featured ensemble member on the tour and understudies the roles of Character Male and Sir Bedevere. Graduating from the IU BFA program with a degree in musical theatre in 2017, this is his national tour debut.

In addition to the performances, there will also be a pre-show talk by Rosemarie McGerr focusing on the topic of The Arthurian Legend on Tuesday October 30 at 7 p.m. in Fine Arts Room 102. The event is available to all ticketholders. Details on this and any additional educational activities will be available on IUauditorium.com.

For more information about *Spamalot* and the rest of the 2018–2019 season, visit IUauditorium.com. The website features video clips and a selection of songs from this season's performances, in addition to a direct link to the IU Auditorium Facebook and Twitter pages, whose members receive exclusive benefits throughout the year.

Spamalot at IU Auditorium is presented in partnership with the Indiana Memorial Union. IU Auditorium's 2018–2019 season is presented by B97, Curry Auto Center, *The Herald Times*, Cook Group, and Indiana University Residential Program and Services.

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