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## Rumpelstiltskin is My Name! - Children's Theater at SMC

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Andrew Galindo plays Rumpelstiltskin in the SMC Jan Term Children's production Photo A. Firth

A greedy king, a fair maiden in a locked room, a strange man with a spinning wheel, and the allure of gold are the perfect ingredients for a good children's story and the key elements of the classic fairy tale Rumpelstiltskin. First told by the Brothers Grimm in the early 1800s, the Saint Mary's College (SMC) Performing Arts Department will present a stage adaptation of this well-read fable on Wednesday, January 28th at 7:00 p.m. and Thursday, January 29th at 4:00 p.m. in the LeFevre Theater on campus.

The barely two-page story has been adapted into an hour-long performance by SMC Professor and Theater Technical Director Michael Cook. The students enrolled in Cook's Children's Theater January Term course create the entire production and performance. Cook is in his 17th year of teaching the Children's Theater Jan term course, which is a favorite of both Performing Arts majors and students new to the stage. Over 45,000 area youth have seen an SMC Children's production over Cook's close to two decade run.

The character of Rumpelstiltskin will be played by freshman sensation Andrew Galindo (who will also star in SMC's upcoming production of Sweeney Todd). Suitable for children in Kindergarten through 3rd grade, tickets to Rumpelstiltskin are \$8 and may be reserved by calling (925) 631-4381.

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