11,000 Pieces project in conjunction with The Women of Lockerbie at Illinois State University

On December 21, 1988, Pan Am Flight 103 exploded over Lockerbie, Scotland. The terrorist bombing killed all 259 on board (including 179 Americans), as well as 11 residents of Lockerbie. It took nearly 11 years for a culprit to stand trial. The Women of Lockerbie takes place in 1995, amid the U.S. government’s investigation. The clothing the women of the play want to retrieve is being held in Lockerbie as evidence. The real women of Lockerbie eventually washed 11,000 articles of clothing and returned them to families around the globe. In the same spirit of love and generosity as the women featured in the play, our goal is to gather 11,000 articles of clothing for people in need throughout our community.

Illinois State University students will spearhead this project in conjunction with several of their Theatre, Communications, Sociology and English classes. They have arranged donation boxes for local charities to be placed in the Center for the Performing Arts (CPA) lobby during performances of The Women of Lockerbie. Some of the charities being supported are Home Sweet Home Mission, The Baby Fold, Lincoln Correctional Facility for Women, Dress for Success and others. Each organization is in need of specific types of clothing. Boxes in the CPA lobby will indicate the type and sizes of clothing needed but all clothing of any size is welcome. You can also access information at our Facebook page “11,000 Pieces of Clothing: The Women of Lockerbie Clothing Drive ISU.”

To encourage audience participation, the School of Theatre is offering $1 off the ticket price for The Women of Lockerbie to every audience member who donates. There will also be donation boxes located in various buildings around the Illinois State University campus. The Women of Lockerbie will run September 30 through October 8. Performances on September 30, October 1 and October 4-8 will be at 7:30 p.m. There will be a matinee on Sunday, Oct. 2 at 2:00 p.m. All performances will take place in the Center for the Performing Arts, located in the southeast corner of the Illinois State University Quad. Tickets can be purchased at the College of Fine Arts Box Office, located in the Center for the Performing Arts, from 11:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday, and 12:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. on Friday, or by calling (309) 438-2535. Tickets can also be ordered online at www.ticketmaster.com. Parking for performances is free in the School Street Parking deck, located on School Street.