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MEETINGS OF THE WEEK

Wednesday, February 4th - Full Faculty Meeting GH 144, 400-5:00pm
Thursday, February 5th - 1001 Production Meeting, GH 144, 10:00-11:00am

DEPARTMENT NEWS

Additional Patté Award Winners – Third-year graduate student Chris Luessmann won an “Outstanding Sound Design” award (Shahrokh Yadegari gave the acceptance speech for him, as Chris was in New York doing an off-Broadway show) for a non-campus show, *A Christmas Carol*, at the North Coast Repertory Theatre. Darko Tresnjak accepted the “Outstanding Production” award for *The Women*, at The Old Globe Theatre. Pictures galore from the Patté awards are now available on their website.

Rob Novak, fourth-year undergraduate theatre student, had his play *Hope Rd.* selected as part of Endtimes Theatre's 3rd Annual "Vignettes for the Apocalypse" Festival, at the Gene Frankel Theatre in New York. He began working on *Hope Rd.* at UCSD during the Spring Quarter of 2008. A summer reading featuring UCSD and USD students followed and now it is off to New York! The Festival runs February 12th – 22nd.

Ron Ranson (Lecturer emeritus - Design) recently designed the lighting for the big Democratic Party inaugural celebration at the Del Mar Fairgrounds -- turning what looks like an airplane hangar in the daytime into a theme party "BLUE SKIES OVER SAN DIEGO" at night. (San Diego county voted a majority Democratic "blue" for the first time since 1944). In addition to PARS, gobos and Source-4s, Ron says he doesn't do any show these days without at least 3,000 Christmas lights - in this case blue lights.
ONSTAGE

Now Running – *The Misanthrope*, by Molière. In the Mandell Weiss Forum Theatre

Coming Soon –

*Danton's Death*, by Georg Büchner. February 19th - February 28th

*The Mistakes Madeline Made*, by Elizabeth Meriwether. February 25th - February 28th

*1001*, by Jason Grote. February 26th - March 7th

Click for tickets to all Department productions.


ADMINISTRIVIA

Spring Schedule of Classes Available – Monday, February 2nd (today)

President's Day Holiday - Monday, February 16th

UCSD Young Alumni Reunion - February 19th - 22nd

Sharecase 2009 - March 25th


ALUM UPDATES

Lisa Velten (MFA ‘05) recently appeared as “Kitty” in *Silent Heroes* at Theater 54.

Carmen Gill (MFA ‘05) has the role of “Irina” in *Three Sisters* at the Classical Theater of Harlem through March 8th. She writes: “I've had the pleasure of working on this amazing classic play and would love for you to come check it out if you're in NY in the next month or two. It's a stellar cast and a wonderful theater company.” Carmen also was recently seen in *The Actor’s Rap* at the Baruch Performing Arts Center.
David Wilson Barnes (BA ’95) was “Max” in Becky Shaw on 43rd Street at the Second Stage Theatre in New York and received great reviews. The New York Times writes of David’s performance: “…the evening ultimately belongs to Mr. Barnes, whose delectable performance as the charming snark Max grabs and holds the attention from the play’s first scene, in which Max bluntly informs Suzanna and her mother that their finances are in disarray. Unable or unwilling to make nice even with the people he deeply loves, Max is horrible, but so lovably so that you itch for his return whenever he is offstage.” The production ran through February 1st.

Monica Bill Barnes will have an event at Deacon Brodie’s Bar, 370 West 46th Street (between 8th and 9th Avenues) in New York at 6:00pm on Thursday, February 12th. Their invitation reads “Please join Monica Bill Barnes & Company at Heartbreak Happy Hour to affectionately support our performance at the 92nd Street Y Harkness Dance Festival on March 4.” Monica was a Dance Major at UCSD and went on to receive her MFA from New York University/Tisch School of the Arts.

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