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MEETINGS OF THE WEEK

Wednesday, January 21st - Full Faculty Meeting-Digital Media Candidate 3, GH 144, 4:00pm
Undergraduate Meeting, Arthur Wagner Theatre (GH 157), 5:00pm



FACULTY AND STAFF NEWS

Parking Fees – In case you missed the recent notice, parking fees will not increase for the upcoming year. The Transportation Services Office has also made arrangements to absorb the cost increase for bus passes from the MTS this year so individuals who purchase passes should see no increase in fees. You can [read more here](#).

Staff Advisor to the Regents Sought – From UCOP: “The University of California Office of the President today (Jan. 12) announced the opening of the application period for the next staff advisor-designate to the Regents. The position's term runs July 2009 through June 2011. The staff advisor program, now in its fourth year, allows for two staff and/or non-Senate academic employees to participate in open sessions of designated committees of the board. The staff advisors bring the voice and perspective of staff and non-Senate academic employees to board deliberations.” Learn more in the [press release](#).

Electronic W-2 Forms Here Soon - Employees who signed up to receive form W-2 electronically will be notified via email when they are available (sometime this month). Separated employees who were paid any earnings in 2008 will receive a paper form unless they had previously opted for an electronic form. If you have any questions about this process, check out the help function within the W-2 section of [At Your Service Online](#) or contact the campus Payroll Office.



DEPARTMENT NEWS

Johnny Gill, second year MFA actor, has written and directed a film titled *My Turtle's Name is Dudley*, which has been selected to compete in the Hayden Online Film Festival. It is being considered for the grand prize, which is \$10,000. Voting for the honor is [open to the public](#) and must be completed by February 10th. Click on the link to view the film.

SAVE THE DATE!

Saturday, the 16th of May, 2009,
the UC San Diego Department of Theatre and Dance
will celebrate the retirement of

**PROFESSOR
MARGARET MARSHALL**

4:00 PM - CELEBRATION EVENT

Followed by a reception

INVITATION TO FOLLOW



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ONSTAGE

Next Up – [The Misanthrope](#), by Molière - January 29th - February 7th in the Mandell Weiss Forum Theatre



Photo by Manny Rotenberg

Explore with us the many variations and values of hypocrisy with the great French master of satire as our guide in this thinking person's comedy of social behavior. *The Misanthrope*, directed by **James Winker**, a professor in the Department of Theatre and Dance, is set in the fashionable social milieu of seventeenth-century Paris. Alceste, the misanthrope of the title, is disgusted by the hypocrisy, injustice, and overall corruption in human society. Alceste's concern with the issue of justice has to do with the fact that he is embroiled in several lawsuits, the outcomes of which are determined not by which party is in the right but by who has the most influence in court. Nonetheless, Alceste is in love with Celimene, a young widow with a reputation for flirtation and for surrounding herself with suitors and who is a prime example of the insincerity that Alceste despises in others. *The Misanthrope* is concerned with themes of honesty and hypocrisy, justice and injustice; the manipulative social games people play; and, the conflict between the individual and society.

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 here](#) for advance tickets to all Department productions.



ADMINISTRIVIA

Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday - Monday, January 19th

President's Day Holiday - Monday, February 16th



ALUM UPDATES

Alums – we understand that some of the links in last week's edition did not work. Here are last week's entries again (and sorry for the glitch!):

MORE...

Damian Baldet (MFA '01), of *The Civilians*, performed his new work, *Pugilist*, "a dark, often hilarious exploration of modern man's search for vindication in a society with no formal code of honor" at the Barrow Street Theatre, New York, this last weekend. Alum **Allison Weller** (MFA '01) was co-creator and director.

[Chalk Theatre](#), a new theatre company in LA started by alums **Amy Ellenberger** (MFA '07), **Jennifer Chang** (MFA '06), **Larissa Kokernot** (MFA '05), **Ruth McKee** (MFA '06), and **Hilary Ward** (MFA '07) presents their first production, *Three Sisters*, starring alum **Ricardo Antonio Chavira** (MFA '00) of *Desperate Housewives* in the role of Vershinin and featuring **Joy Osmanski** (MFA '03), **Jennifer Chang**, **Aileen Cho** (MFA '08) and Feodor Chin as the Prosorov family. The production runs January 30th through February 22nd at the Hollywood Forever Cemetery. Tickets are available at www.TicketWeb.com or by calling 1-866-468-3399.



Don Mackay (MFA '90), who teaches the Department's Professional Prep for the Actor class, and **Samuel Stricklen** (MFA '06) appear in the Old Globe's *Six Degrees of Separation*. The show started January 10th and Opening Night is slated for January 15th. Click for the [Playbill writeup](#).

L-R: Thomas Jay Ryan, Karen Ziemba, and Samuel Stricklen

photo by Craig Schwartz/Playbill

[And This Week's News](#)

Chane't Johnson (MFA '01) writes: "I'm currently shooting a Lead Role in the new Todd Solondz (*Happiness, Storytelling*) film which hasn't been named yet. It also stars Allison Janney, Shirley Henderson, Ally Sheedy, Paul Reubens, and Ciaran Hinds. I've also just recently completed two pilots *Ernesto* for FOX starring Wilmer Valderama and *Dan's Detour of Life* on CINSAY.COM from the writer/producers of *That 70's Show*. We'll start shooting 13 more episodes of *Dan's Detour* late Feb 2009. Look for my *Without A Trace* Guest Star, *Criminal Minds* Guest Star and *Girlfriends* Guest Star eps in syndication."



Mikeah Jennings (BA '01) is currently appearing in *The Shipment* at The Kitchen in New York. His photo (left) appears on the front page of the arts section of the January 13th edition of the [New York Times](#).

From left, Amelia Workman, Douglas Scott Streater, Okieriete Onodowan, Mikeah Ernest Jennings and Prentice Onayemi.

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