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MEETINGS OF THE WEEK

Tuesday is Veteran's Day, a University Holiday. No classes.

Wednesday, 11/12 - Area Heads and Design Faculty Meeting in GH 144 from 4:00-5:30pm



FACULTY AND STAFF NEWS

Making the Lorax Proud - There will be a tree planting ceremony at 11:15am on Wednesday, November 12th, in recognition of UCSD's designation as one of nine campuses honored by the Arbor Day Foundation for best practices in campus forestry. One hundred trees will be planted in a grove near the Faculty Club. Stop by and watch student volunteers plant the trees, which include 26 Torrey Pine trees, a rare native pine with a wild population of only 4,000 trees. Read more about the [ceremony here](#).

Health and Wellness Expo - This year's Health and Wellness Expo will be held on Tuesday, November 18th, in the Price Center ([map](#)) Ballrooms A and B from 11:00am – 2:00pm. There will be representatives from [Anthem Blue Cross](#), [CIGNA](#), [HealthNet](#), [Kaiser](#), and [United Behavioral Health](#) as well as presentations on healthy food and numerous other activities. [Read more](#).



DEPARTMENT NEWS

Congratulations to PhD student **Zack Gill**, who won the 2008 *TDR* Student Essay Contest for his essay, "Rehearsing the War Away: Perpetual Warrior Training in Contemporary U.S. Army Policy." The winner is selected by the editors of *The Drama Review* in consultation with their advisory editors - altogether, a very high-profile bunch. Zack's article is scheduled to appear in print in winter of 2009.

ADMINISTRIVIA

Benefits Open Enrollment Ends – Midnight, November 25th.

Thanksgiving Holidays – Thursday and Friday, November 27th & 28th



ONSTAGE



Opening Friday - [*Rosencrantz and Guildenstern Are Dead*](#) - Tom Stoppard startled and captivated audiences in this retelling of Shakespeare's Hamlet as an absurdist-like farce. Performed in the Mandell Weiss Forum Studio.

Preview: 7:00pm, Thursday, November 13th. Opens Friday, November 14th, at 8:00pm and runs through the 22nd.

[Click here!](#) for season or for ticket information

Coming Soon - [*The Laramie Project*](#). November 19th – 22nd in the Arthur Wagner Theatre. [*Fall for Dance – True Possessions*](#). November 21st – 23rd in the Mollie and Arthur Wagner Dance Facility. [*As You Like It*](#) - November 24th – December 6th in the Sheila and Hughes Potiker Theatre.



ALUM UPDATES



Makela Spielman (MFA '04) sends: "I'm writing to let you know about my latest project. I'm performing in [*Radio MacBeth*](#) at the Court Theatre in Chicago. It's a SITI Company piece, directed by Anne Bogart. I play, among other characters, all the Witches and Lady Macduff. We begin previews November 6th and run through December 7th. Please let me know if you happen to be in the area!"

MORE

Michael Bakkensen (MFA '00) is performing with **Ian Bedford** (MFA '02) in [The School of Night](#) at the Mark Taper Forum in LA. He says "If you're in the area between now and December 17th catch the show and say hi."

Scott Stein (MFA '99) checked in to let us all know that he's "married to a wonderful wife, Joanna Desmond-Stein, and we live on the Upper West Side in NYC. We also just had our first child, Alexander Sebastian, who just turned one month. I'm currently a freelance journalist and am working on my first novel."

[The Internationalists](#) invite you to *Around the World in 24 Hours*, starting at 5:00pm (Eastern time) on Saturday, November 15th, to 5:00pm on Sunday, November 16th, featuring keynote reading of Julio Cortazar's *The Kings* in new translation by **Caridad Svich** (MFA '88). Caridad will take part in a panel discussion on the 15th and *The King* starts at 2:00pm on the 16th. *Around the World* will be streamed on the web for those outside New York. (Visit their website for information on how to link in.)

Have News To Share?? Send it to us via the newsletter's own email address, *TandDNews at Yahoo.com*, by Tuesday night and we'll put it in the next newsletter. We love photos, but please, if you send them, make sure they are no larger than 400k files. Also, don't forget to identify yourself, tell us if you had a different name at graduation, and what year you graduated if you're an alumnus. If your news features other alums, please be sure to identify them. We hope to hear from you soon!