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MEETINGS OF THE WEEK

Monday, November 30th - Area Heads Meeting, GH144, 4-5:00pm

Wednesday, December 2nd - Faculty Meeting, Assoc. & Full Profs and SLSOE, GH144, 4-5:00pm

Thursday, December 3rd - Production Meeting, *La Mandragola*, GH144, 10:00am



FACULTY AND STAFF NEWS

Toy Drive Announced - The Staff Association is hosting its annual toy drive now. Interested parties may donate a new, unwrapped toy from now until December 15th at an on-campus [drop-off location](#). Toys will be delivered for distribution by the UCSD Medical Center Burn Unit, the UCSD Infant Care Center, the UCSD Mother, Child, and Adolescent Care Center, the Kaiser Permanente Pediatric Unit, and the National City Boys and Girls Club. Suggested items include:

- Infant gifts: developmental toys, rattles, musical toys, mobiles, stuffed toys
- Toddler and preteen gifts: dolls, trucks, crayons, finger paint, markers, coloring books, CDs, Disney movies, Nintendo 64 games, large block Legos, wooden puzzles, board games
- Teen gifts: makeup, nail polish, lotions, sportswear, sports equipment, posters, movies, CD players with AC adapters

Furlough Days – The campus is keeping a [list of departments](#) reporting planned closures or partial closures due to furloughs. The entire campus will close from December 19th through the first Sunday in January.



DEPARTMENT NEWS

The Department's traditional Fall Sing will be held on Friday, December 4th, at 4:30pm in the Arthur Wagner Theatre (GH157). All are welcome to come help us ring in the holiday season with a jolly tune or two!

Professor **Marianne McDonald** will host a panel conversation about all things supernatural and Irish on Thursday, December 3rd, at 7:00pm, prior to the 8:00pm performance of [Sam's Salon: Sympathy for the Devil - The Good, The Bad and The Wicked](#) at the San Diego Repertory Theatre.

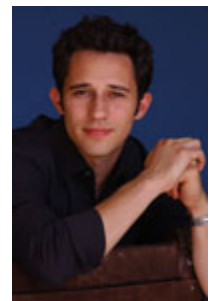
Jorge Huerta and his wife Ginger are now the proud grandparents of twins, born November 19th, in Brittany, France, to their son Ron and daughter-in-law, Ariane: a boy, Zephyr Titouan, and a girl, Alize Flor (with an accent on the "e"). Jorge says "they are the best birthday present (November 20) a father could ever hope for!"

ONSTAGE



Now Running: [*Camino Real*](#), by Tennessee Williams. Directed by **Adam Arian**. Through December 5th in the Sheila and Hughes Potiker Theatre. Tennessee Williams, the author of *A Streetcar Named Desire*, *The Glass Menagerie*, and *Cat on a Hot Tin Roof*, to name but a few of his master-pieces, is arguably our nation's most important playwright. His characters are written with a sensitivity to what makes us human beings tick that is unmatched. The desires. The needs. The courage. The weaknesses. In *Camino Real*, Williams' characters are un-tethered from the "kitchen sink" setting of most of his plays and are set free to fly against a wild and expressionist backdrop.

About the Director - Adam Arian is the winner of a 2008-09 Pâté Award (San Diego's Tony) for Outstanding Direction for his work on *Rosencrantz & Guildenstern are Dead*. Also at UC San Diego, he directed *The Attic Dwellers*, and *Clementine and the Cyber Ducks*. *Camino Real* is Adam's thesis production toward completing his MFA in March. Most recently he directed *Fantasy Football: The Musical?* at the NY Musical Theater Fest. Also in NYC, he's directed new works for the NY Fringe Festival, Reverie Productions, Prospect Theater Company, H.E.R.E., The Irish Arts Center, Barhoppers, The Kraine, and his own company, Brooklyn Rep. Regionally, he's directed at the Williamstown Theatre Fest Workshop, and the Winnepesaukee Playhouse. He served as Assistant Director to Christopher Ashley on the Broadway bound *Memphis* at the La Jolla Playhouse, and at 5th Ave. Theater in Seattle. Read [more here](#).



Coming Soon: [*La Mandragola*](#), by Niccolò Machiavelli, directed by **Isis Saratial Misdary** in the Theodore and Adele Shank Theatre January 28th – February 6th.

Click for [Ticket Information](#) for all shows.



ADMINISTRIVIA

Today, November 30th - Deadline to drop **with** a "W"

December 7th – 12th – Finals Week

December 12th – Last day to remove a prior grade of "I"

December 14th – Last day to [petition](#) for a grade of "I"

December 19th – January 2nd – Campus closed due to mandated furlough

December 23rd – Grades available online

The Holiday Airport Shuttle provides students free transportation between UCSD Peterson Hall and the [San Diego International Airport](#) (Terminals 1, 2, and Commuter) during Thanksgiving, winter, and spring breaks. Advance reservations are required and [can be made online](#) starting today. Be sure to make reservations early due to limited shuttle availability.

ALUM UPDATES



The League of Professional Theatre Women has announced the recipients for its 2009 series of awards, to be presented at a ceremony at the National Arts Club in New York on Monday, December 7th. Alum **Caridad Svich** (MFA '88), founder of the NoPassport Theatre Alliance, was selected to receive the [Lee Reynolds Award](#). The award is given annually to a woman or women active in any aspect of theatre whose work for, in, about, or through the medium of theatre has helped to illuminate the possibilities for social, cultural, or political change.

Emily Donahoe (MFA '03) appears as “The White Lady” in National Lampoon’s [Dirty Movie](#) (2009).

MFA alum actors **Maria Dizzia** ('01), **Quincy Bernstein** ('99), **Sarah Rasmussen** (MFA '08), emeritus faculty **Les Waters**, past faculty **Annie Smart**, undergrad alum **Erica Sullivan**, and **Michael Cerveris** (who started his major theatre career at the La Jolla Playhouse as “Tommy” in *Tommy*) are being well-received on Broadway with *In the Next Room, or the vibrator play*, by Sarah Ruhl, at the Lyceum Theatre through January 10th. Here’s the [New York Times review](#).



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