April 25, 2011
Week Five, Spring Quarter

MEETINGS OF THE WEEK

Wednesday, April 27 - Full Faculty Meeting at 4:00pm in GH144
Area Headings Meeting at 4:45pm in GH 144

FACULTY AND STAFF NEWS

All Campus Graduation Celebration will be held the evening of June 10th to provide all undergraduate and graduate students an opportunity to celebrate with their friends outside of the bounds of their college or academic school. Information regarding the college commencements, held separately, is available here.

Speak Up! - The employee review period for proposed voluntary reductions in time is open now. Proposals on the table include voluntary reductions in time from five to fifty percent for periods of from one to six months with benefits, except for retirement calculations, based on the pre-reduction time. Read more here.

DEPARTMENT NEWS

The 2011 Graduating Class of Designers and Actors would like to invite you to three outstanding upcoming events showcasing their talents. The Actors will be performing their showcase work in both Los Angeles and New York in conjunction with NYU and Yale. Alumni gatherings and meetings are organized around these performances. The Designers invite you the first ever National Design Portfolio Review organized in conjunction with seven other schools form across the country and taking place in New York. All three events are a great way to see all that these fantastic artists have achieved over the past three years. Come welcome them into the industry. Three events, two coasts, one great class of designers and performers. On Facebook? Click here. Not on Facebook and need more info? Contact Mark Maltby.

The Gallery in New York has announced that they will hold a panel discussion on April 29th with Directing faculty Gabor Tompa, who will present the Hungarian Theatre in Cluj, and theatre and opera director Andrei Serban (Columbia University, NYC). The panel will be introduced and moderated by Corina Suteu. Admission is free. Read more here.
ONSTAGE

For those who would like to see photos from the Baldwin New Play works, check out Professor Jim Carmody’s photo website. He has graciously posted numerous photos there to share.

Up Next -

The Underground New Play Festival, May 26th - June 4th. The Underground New Play Festival has one simple goal this year: to find the unfamiliar in the familiar. We provide a venue for developing theatre artists to explore new areas and delve deeper into the familiar ones. The end result is richly textured, highly physicalized theatre that shows the infinite number of contradictions and similarities contained in each human. Every year, the Underground New Play Festival selects and mounts a full production for six to eight new short plays. New and experienced directors, designers, and actors join together to create works of art bigger than any one person could hope for; works of art that could not exist as they do in any other place, with any other artists.

Coming Soon!

New Directions - MFA I Student Choreographers' Showcase, June 1st – 4th.

ADMINISTRIVIA

May 30th - Memorial Day, campus closed.
June 3rd – Undergraduate Department Graduation Ceremony

ALUM UPDATES

Alum Jonathan Silverstein (MFA ‘01) directed the West Coast premier of Rafta, Rafta at the Old Globe. The production, which closed on Sunday, was written by Ayub Khan-Din.

Alums Carla Harting (MFA ‘96) plays “Ivy Weston”, Angie Reed (MFA ‘96) is “Barbara Fordham”, and Todd Cerveris (MFA ‘97) plays “Sheriff Deon Gilbeau” in the upcoming Old Globe production of August: Osage County that opens in May.
Alum D. J. Hopkins (MFA ’96, PhD ’03) is the Vice President of Publications for Literary Managers and Dramaturgs of the Americas. (Alum Shelly Orr, PhD ’03, is a past president.) D.J is an Assistant Professor, Head of Theatre Studies, and Director of the MA Program in Theatre at San Diego State University.

News from alums Antonia Glenn and Scott Horstein (MFA ’01) -

“Kiyoshi Glenn-Horstein was born in Santa Rosa (near the Bay Area) on February 2, 2011. We're learning a lot and thrilled to share the news.”

Congratulations to the family!

Alums – On Facebook? Come visit the Department’s Facebook Alumni page!

Note: Just hit “reply” and send your info, and we'll share it for you. Be sure to let us know what your name was at graduation, if you’ve changed it, and your year of graduation.