



May 2, 2011

Week Six, Spring Quarter

## MEETINGS OF THE WEEK

No meetings scheduled at this time

## FACULTY AND STAFF NEWS

The UCSD Accommodation Counseling and Consulting Services Health and Wellness lectures occur once a month, from noon to 1:00pm. Topics include health issues, personal well-being, and disability prevention and management. All lectures are free. [Click for more](#) about their programs.

UC and Fidelity Retirement Services have put a new Guide to Financial Education Classes for employees online. The classes are designed to help you make the most of your UC Retirement Savings Program: your 403(b), 457(b) and DC Plans. Click to [view the guide](#), and then click on select "Read Class Guide."

## DEPARTMENT NEWS

**Reminder – The Actor's New York Showcase** will be held, in conjunction with NYU's Tisch School and Yale University, on May 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> at Tisch. More [information here](#). The Los Angeles showcase is this Monday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>. (We'll let you know how it went.)

## ONSTAGE

*Up Next -*

[The Underground New Play Festival](#), May 26<sup>th</sup> - June 4<sup>th</sup>. 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 1<sup>st</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup>. Our first year MFA Dance Theatre choreographer **Anya Cloud** stretches dance theatre boundaries in an inventive, new work along with original works by our most talented undergraduate choreographers.

## ADMINISTRIVIA

May 27<sup>th</sup> – Deadline to drop without a “F”  
May 30<sup>th</sup> - Memorial Day, campus closed.  
June 3<sup>rd</sup> – Undergraduate Department Graduation Ceremony  
June 6<sup>th</sup> – Final Week Begins

## ALUM UPDATES

**Matthew Black** (BA '09) can be heard in *The Wonder Pets* on Nickelodeon Jr. tv. He's in several episodes, the most recent being 2011's [Save the Moose in the Caboose!/Climb Everest!](#).

**Michael Swaim** (BA '07) wrote and appears as “Dennis” in the comedy/horror movie *Kill Me Now* that has just been completed. (No word on release date.)

**Carmen Gill** (MFA '05) recently got a call-back for the new play *Yes We Can* by Daniella Shoshan, directed by Alec Strum. You can keep up with Carmen via [her website](#).

**Brian Slaten** (MFA '05) appeared as “Ross” in the *Make It or Break It* tv show episode [At the Edge of the Worlds](#) last year. Watch the episode at the link.

**Heath Belden** (MFA '04) stage-managed [The Seagull](#) at the Marin Theatre Company recently.



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