MEETINGS OF THE WEEK

Wednesday, May 2nd at 4:00pm in GH 144 - Full Faculty Meeting

DEPARTMENT NEWS

Professor Emily Roxworthy has just been awarded a Distinguished Teaching Award by the University’s Faculty Senate. There will be an awards ceremony on May 30th at 3:30pm in the Faculty Club. Congratulations to Dr. Roxworthy!

Professor Nadine George-Graves is quoted in an article on the KPBS website discussing a production of the Scottsboro Boys running now at the Old Globe Theatre.

The Old Globe unveiled its 2012-13 season recently. It will include A Gentleman's Guide to Love and Murder, directed by Darko Tresnjak. The production will be the world premiere of the musical by Robert L. Freedman and Steven Lutvak, adapted from Roy Horniman's novel Israel Rank. Murder will be co-produced by Hartford Stage, where Tresnjak is now artistic director, and will debut there first. Alum Jefferson Mays (MFA ‘91) plays all eight heirs.

FACULTY AND STAFF NEWS

Benefits Verification Deadline Reminder – If you have dependents on your benefits plan, proof of eligibility must be submitted by the deadline of May 17th. If you do not submit the required documents by the deadline, you and your family members risk de-enrollment from UC-sponsored coverage. If you respond but do not provide proper documentation, your family members risk de-enrollment. Call Secova, Inc. at 877-632-8126 with questions or for problem resolution. At this time there is no process in place to re-enroll those who provide the documentation after the deadline. More info here.

ADMINISTRIVIA

Drop without penalty of "F" grade – June 1
Last day of classes before finals – June 9
Final Exam week - June 6 – 15th
Last day to remove an Incomplete grade – June 15th
Grades Available online – June 27th
Jim Winker Retirement Celebration

Please join us as we celebrate Jim Winker’s career.

Saturday May 19, 2012
6pm Reception
7pm Ceremony Begins

Sheila and Hughes Potiker Theatre
ONSTAGE

Coming Soon!

**June 1st – 9th**  *The Underground New Play Festival* - written, directed, designed, managed and performed by our undergraduate students. Celebrate the artistic achievements of our undergraduate playwrights, directors, designers, and actors in a festival dedicated to world-premiere plays and work created entirely by undergrads. 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.

**June 6th – 9th**  *New Directions- MFA I Student Choreographers’ Showcase*  with works from our top undergraduate choreographers, directed by *Eric Geiger*, in the Sheila and Hughes Potiker Theatre. Left of center, right of left, and centered squared in between. Celebrate exciting world premiere dance and dance theatre from UC San Diego undergraduate choreographers and MFA dance theatre candidates.

ALUM NEWS

*The Laughing Cow*, directed by *Lindsey Frame* (MFA ‘01), opened at the Meta Theatre on Melrose in Los Angeles recently.

Undergrad Alums *Meghan McCauley, Dana Murphy*, and *Patrick Riley* of the theatre company Lonesome No More! are doing a six-month residency with Combined Artform at the *Theatre Asylum LAB in Hollywood*, where they recently staged a production of *No Exit*.

San Diego playwright and Scandinavian theater specialist Anne-Charlotte Hanes Harvey is co-writing a new adaptation of *A Doll’s House* with director *Kirsten Brandt* (BA ’94) at the *Old Globe Theatre* as part of the 2012/13 season. The adaptation is being written specifically for the intimate, in-the-round White stage.

Los Angeles’ Theatre of Note’s season includes *Copy*, directed by *David McIntyre* (MFA ‘06). *Copy* is “a darkly absurd office comedy (with music!) that explores memory, loss, obsession, daguerreotypes, deceitful lemurs and the undissectable sound of love.”

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