MEETINGS OF THE WEEK

No meetings scheduled for this week.

DEPARTMENT NEWS

Our graduate design students will be participating in UCLA School of Theater, Film and Television’s 11th Annual Design Showcase West on June 8th. Design Showcase West, held at TFT each year during the Festival of New Creative Work, is the only national entertainment design showcase on the West Coast. It features the work of students graduating from the nation’s top university design programs. More here.

Faculty member Lisa Porter and MFA lighting design alum Tom Ontiveros contributed to a book of essays on theatre design, Inspired Teaching, that will have a book-signing at the USITT conference in Milwaukee on Friday, March 22nd, at 11:30am.

NEWS FOR FACULTY AND STAFF

Change in the way leaves are calculated - As of February 2013, all non-academic UCSD employees began accruing leave based on a Factor Leave Accrual Table, rather than on a Monthly Leave Accrual Table. Factored leave accrual means that sick and vacation leave accruals are calculated based on a factor accrual rate. [Translation: you earn the same sick and vacation days as in the past, per year, but they are not equally distributed monthly any longer. They are now apportioned out every pay period based on the number of hours worked in that pay period.] More here.

NEWS FOR STUDENTS

Flying home, or elsewhere, on Spring Break? The free holiday shuttle to the airport is accepting applications as of March 4th. More here.

Flu got you? If circumstances beyond your control prevent you from completing a class, you might be able to request an Incomplete. Make sure you're eligible for an Incomplete. (If you're not passing a class because you've simply fallen behind, you're not eligible for an Incomplete. If you decide to withdraw from a class, you can do so until the end of this week.) If you are eligible to apply for an “I”, follow these directions.

ADMINISTRIVIA

March 8th – Deadline to drop without “F”
March 23rd – Last day to remove a grade of “I” from a previous quarter.
March 25th – Last day to request a grade of “I” for the current (winter) quarter.
ONSTAGE

**winterWORKS**, directed by **Yolande Snaith**. March 13th - March 16th

Featuring a diverse palette of innovative, collaborative dance theatre, **winterWORKS** highlights the unique talents of our students in new works by faculty choreographers and MFA dance theatre candidates.

**Ticket Information** - Visit the Department’s “Tickets Page” for individual and group ticket information.

ALUM NEWS

**Alums – On Facebook?** Come visit the Department’s **Facebook Alumni page**! This group is set up for UC San Diego Department of Theatre and Dance Alumni to correspond with each other regarding their current or upcoming productions, projects or events. Please use it as a place to update each other on your past, current or future projects. If you have a show coming up let the group know. If you are performing, directing, designing, writing, stage managing or in any way involved in a creative project please let us know. Note that the Department will use some of the postings from this site for alumni updates in the newsletter. The Department will also use this group to alert you on Department information or Alumni events.

**From The Wall:** "**Joel Gelman**: Hey UCSD, Had the Privilege of performing with the *Les Miz* Ensemble at the Oscars on Sunday. It was incredible and humbling! Here is a little article about it from *Broadway World.*" **Ty Granderson Jones** appears in “…CROWS…an official selection at the upcoming prestigious Buffalo Niagara Film Festival 2013. It had its debut in the Dances with Films Festival 2012”. **Angie Kamel** “Hello fellow UCSDers! If you're interested in, or curious about, community-engaged theater, join me (and Cornerstone Theater Company) in Salinas this summer! The Institute Summer Residency is month long intensive that provides an incubator for the discussion of various aspects of community engaged art making. Participants live communally with Cornerstone staff, ensemble, and guest artists and help mount a community play. It's a rewarding experience that is also educational and fun! July 11-August 11, 2013. East Salinas, CA.”

**Have news?** The Newsletter’s email address is **TandDNews@ucsd.edu**. We're always thrilled to hear what you’ve been doing and to share it with our readers. Photos encouraged. (Be sure to tell us your “old” name, if you’ve changed it, and the year you left us.)