

WEEK Five – Spring Quarter 2013

Monday, April 29th

MEETINGS OF THE WEEK

Wednesday, 4:00pm - Dance and Design Faculty meeting, other faculty need not attend. In GH144.

DEPARTMENT NEWS



John Rouse is coeditor with Peter Lichtnfels of the essay collection, *Performance, Politics, and Activism*, which has just been released by Palgrave MacMillan. “This collection of essays on politics, the performing arts, and various forms of activist performance uses the framework of performance studies to explore the engagements of political resistance, public practice and performance media. It places these engagements on various scales of performance production within local, national and trans-national structures of neoliberal and liberal government and power. Performance has always been a way of articulating the conditions of contemporary society, and of pointing through the body of the performance to ways of defining, understanding and changing those conditions. Throughout these essays performance takes place in the environments of heightened everyday action, the aesthetic and cultural activity of the performing arts, and in the activist performance of political commitment. These trajectories in performance studies delineate the way people identify themselves and communicate with one another, both in attempts to change the structures of governance they experience, and vitally, alongside those structures.”



Dance Theater professor **Yolande Snaith** dances with 50 pairs of shoes in *100 Feet*, her multimedia tribute to inspirational women, at the Molli and Arthur Wagner Dance Facility on May 3rd & 4th. *100 Feet* is a one-woman dance/theater performance with a supporting cast of 50 pairs of shoes. The multimedia piece is a tribute to 50 famous women who have influenced her thinking and left their distinctive footprints in the sands of time. There's a write-up in the April 25th [La Jolla Light](#). Photo by **Jim Carmody**.

NEWS FOR FACULTY AND STAFF

Changes in retirement benefits effective July 1 - The formula for determining how much of UC's contribution to the health premium a retiring employee will get is changing for all new employees and for about half of UC San Diego's current employees. [Read more here](#).

ONSTAGE

Coming Soon



[The Underground New Play Festival](#)

Arthur Wagner Theatre, May 31st – June 8th

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 4 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.

Ticket Information available soon!

ADMINISTRIVIA

May 3rd – Schedule of Classes available

May 8th – Enrollment for Fall Quarter begins

May 31st – Deadline to drop a class without an automatic “F”

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.

MFA ‘99 acting alum **Melody Butiu** plays the character Estrella in David Byrnes Public Theatre production of *Here Lies Love*, which has a write-up in the [New York Times](#).

Michele Leavy (BA ‘86) writes: “As a Resident Artist with the San Francisco’s Crowded Fire Theater, I’m appearing in the West Coast premiere of Thomas Bradshaw’s *The Bereaved*. (We close this weekend.)” Here’s a link to their [promo video](#).

Alumi gatherings in conjunction with our MFA Actors Showcases: **LA**- Graduate Actor Showcase Preview Night and Alumni Reception, Monday, April 29th. Reception at 6:00pm, Showcase Preview at 7:00pm, at the Falcon Theatre, 4252 Riverside Drive, Burbank, CA 91505 (*From the 134, take the Cahuenga exit; from the 101, take the Lankershim exit*). **NY** - Alumni Entertainment Alliance Reception, Monday, May 13th, from 8-11 p.m. West Village, Location TBD. Please help spread the word to these events!

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Join us

as we honor the
founding Chair of
UC San Diego's
Department of
Theatre & Dance
and a legacy of
innovative work

Saturday

May 18, 2013

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Theatre District

2pm - 4pm

save the date!

Celebrating Arthur Wagner's 90th
Birthday & Our 40th Anniversary

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[Click to RSVP!](#)

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