DEPARTMENT NEWS

Routledge recently published a book of interviews with theatre-makers called *The Contemporary Ensemble*, about the secrets and the future of long term theatre companies. The book, edited by Duska Radoslavjevic, includes an interview with Head of Directing Gabor Tompa (*Between the East and the West*). Among the artists and ensemble leaders interviewed are Mike Boyd (Royal Shakespeare Company), Elizabeth Le Compte (The Wooster Group), Herman Wündrich (Berliner Ensemble) and Emma Rice (Kneehigh Theatre).

NEWS FOR FACULTY AND STAFF

**UC Walks** - Join your colleagues system-wide in participating National Employee Health and Fitness month. The fourth annual UC Walks and Resource Fair will take place on Wednesday, May 22nd, from 11:00am to 1:30pm at Town Square. The group walk starts at 12:00pm and a group stretch at 12:20. Resource Participants include: Benefits, Employee Relations, Policy Development and Work/Life, Faculty and Staff Assistance Program, Kaiser Permanente, Recreation, Smoke- and Tobacco-Free Campus Committee, The Zone, and the UCSD Bookstore. You can get StayWell credit for participating in this event.

**Still need tickets to TEDxUCSD?** Want a chance to meet the featured speakers? Chancellor Pradeep K. Khosla is giving away ten passes to the event, which include preferred seating and dinner with the speakers at the post-conference mixer. UC San Diego students, staff, faculty and alumni can enter the drawing. The contest ends May 7th and the winning names will be announced in the May 9th issue of *ThisWeek@UCSanDiego*. Increase your chances of winning by sharing with your friends. For each successful entry that you refer, you will automatically be awarded an additional entry. Use your personal referral link provided on your contest entry confirmation. Click [here](#) to enter the contest.

ADMINISTRIVIA

May 8th – Enrollment for Fall Quarter begins
May 31st – Deadline to drop a class without an automatic “F”
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!

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 Facebook Wall - Simone Moore [MFA ’04] “Season 2 of ”Lauren“ launches today on the WIGSCO YouTube channel, directed by Jon Avnet, alongside Trojan Bellisario and Jennifer Beals, I play an American soldier whose strength gets her friend through a tough time. Check it out and let me know what you think!”

Jeffrey Wienckowski [MFA ’11] “Go to hff13.org/1353 and BUY TICKETS NOW for #Hashtag!!! Only $12 See [undergrad] Alums Spencer Devlin Howard, Katie Willert, Brian Paul Johnson, Leland Montgomery, Nathan Turner and Parisa Pourhabib! (Direction by myself and Dana Murphy!!!)"

MFA ’13 alums Halei Parker (left) and Kristin Hayes are designing costumes and lighting, respectively, for a new chamber opera with Susan Narucki of the UCSD Music Department. It's called Cuatros Corridos. "Cuatro Corridos is a chamber opera addressing one of the most critical human rights issues of our time: human trafficking. Based on true events, it tells the story of women trapped in a cycle of prostitution and slavery in and around the San Diego/Tijuana border region and represents an unprecedented collaboration between internationally acclaimed Mexican and US-based creative artists." Other Theatre and Dance Department affiliates involved are undergraduate alums Katie Chen (stage manager) and Tim Nottage (scenic/props artisan), and current undergraduate student Jennifer Kim (assistant lighting design).

Alumni gathering UCSD Alumni Entertainment Alliance Reception in honor of Graduate Actor Showcase New York. Monday, May 13th, from 8:00-11:00pm at The Penny Farthing, 103 3rd Avenue (3rd Avenue and 13th Street), NY, NY. Your attendance includes complimentary refreshments. R.S.V.P. to Jennie Van Meter ’90 at jvanmeter@ucsd.edu.
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. (Be sure to tell us your “old” name, if you’ve changed it, and the year you left us.)