

FINALS WEEK – Fall Quarter 2012
Monday, December 10th

MEETINGS OF THE WEEK

Thursday, December 13th, Production Meeting: *Thesis Works* in GH 144, 9:00-10:00am

MFA Actors Presentations this week:

Monday - 11:00am - 12:30pm - Process II Final Presentation (GH 15)
1:00 – 3:00pm - MFA III EVALS (TBD)
Tuesday - Noon - 2:00pm - MFA II EVALS (GH 144)
Wednesday - 10:00 - 11:30am - Process I Final Presentation (Mandeville B210)
Thursday - Noon - 2:00pm - MFA I EVALS (GH 144)
Friday - 10:00 - 11:00am - Directing Process Presentation (GH 15)
11:30 - 2:30 - Kyle Undergrad Final (GH 23)

DEPARTMENT NEWS

Come see the students in their final presentations of the quarter. (Plan to arrive no later than the start of the class, please. Seating is variable – occasionally on the floor.) See the full schedule in MOW, above. Some highlights:

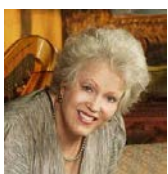
Monday, Dec. 10 - Process II: Shakespeare. 11:00am - 12:30pm in GH 15. Jim Winker's 2nd year plebians (ple-BEE-ans) throw down some o' the bard.

Wednesday, Dec. 12 - Process I Final Presentation. 10:00 - 11:30am in Mandeville B210. Kyle Donnelly shows us what the first years (and one 5th year) have to offer!

Friday, Dec. 14 - Directing Process: Hamlet. 10:00 – 11:00am in GH 15. There are less things in heaven and earth than are dreamt of by our amazing directors in this conceptual approach to one of Shakespeare's most famous plays. Featuring (most of) the 3rd year actors.

A Friday, Dec. 14 - TDAC 108 Final Presentations. 11:30am - 2:30pm in GH 23. Kyle Donnelly's undergrads strut their stuff!

Blast From the Past – Take a look back at past productions in the Department's [Image Archives](#). Please note that the quality of some of the photos is marginal (dark or blurry or dark and blurry) – these images are from old photographs and are presented “as is”.



Peace, a new play by Professor **Marianne McDonald**, will be read on Monday, January 14th, at 7:00pm at the [Moxie Theatre](#), 6663 El Cajon Blvd. in San Diego. *Peace* is a ghost story about a concerned parent who wants to get it right with an alcoholic son. The Greeks understood family curses that plague a family generation after generation. A life of addiction and alcoholism can be a living death and often a genetic curse.

CAMPUS NEWS

Winter Closure Reminder - Campus will officially close for eleven days - from Saturday, December 22nd, through Tuesday, January 1st. Campus reopens Wednesday, January 2nd. The closures include the libraries and most shuttle services. Campus Loop and housing shuttles will be on hiatus. The Hillcrest/Campus shuttle will continue operations on a reduced schedule. The Coaster East/West service will run with some modifications. Click for [detailed information](#) on campus transportation options during the break.

Peckish? - Dining options after the end of the quarter, but before campus closes, are minimal on campus. Most dining halls and cafes will be closed immediately after Finals Week. The restaurants in Price Center will be open on a case-by-case basis, some with restricted serving hours.

On-campus Shipping Options - A great way to get those last minute holiday packages mailed without standing in the lines – Campus Mail Services offers personal UPS, FedEx, and USPS service Monday through Friday from 9:00am to 3:00pm for a \$2 processing fee. (You get to ship at the “State Rate.”) There are some restrictions, and you must pay by check or in cash. [Details here.](#)



The Holiday Airport Shuttle provides students free transportation between UCSD Peterson Hall and the [San Diego International Airport](#) (Terminals 1, 2, and Commuter) during Thanksgiving, winter, and spring breaks. **Advance reservations are required** and must be made [online](#). Be sure to make reservations early due to limited shuttle availability. Reservations are being accepted now.

Therapy Fluffies Extravaganza - The Zone brings over 2 dozen certified therapy dogs to campus! Studies show that animal therapy has many health benefits, including stress reduction. So come out before, after, or during your finals and de-stress! Tuesday, December 11th, 10:00am – 2:00pm at Price Center Ballroom West.

The Overnight Study Commons, located on the main floor of Geisel Library’s East Wing (the second floor of the Science & Engineering Library), is open to current UC students, faculty, and staff only. Valid UCSD ID cards are required during overnight hours. Read [more here](#).

FACULTY AND STAFF NEWS

The Social Security (OASDI) tax rate reverts back to 6.2% in January. (For the past two years we have had a 2% temporary reduction in Social Security taxes.) [More here.](#) As you may have heard in the news, there are other federal tax rate changes that our government is working on that may have an impact on payroll taxes. These have to do with the expiration of federal tax cuts enacted under the Bush administration. If you need to adjust your withholding, you can do so [here](#).

ONSTAGE

Coming Soon!

[dance theatre thesisWORKS](#), featuring work by **Anya Cloud**. January 16th – 19th

[Titus Andronicus](#), by William Shakespeare, directed by **Joshua Brody**. February 6th - 16th

[Tonight We Improvise](#), by Luigi Pirandello, directed by **Gabor Tompa**. February 20th - March 2nd

[Doctored and Devised](#), directed by **Maiya Murphy**. February 27th - March 2nd

[winterWORKS](#), directed by **Eric Geiger**. March 13th - March 16th

Ticket Information – The Access Pass: For \$20 students can see all our shows this season, which is a great deal as there are 13 shows! [Click here](#) to purchase these passes. If you’d rather purchase in person, you can buy one at the Front Desk in Galbraith Hall. **Join us for our 40th Season!** [All Subscriptions](#) only \$40! Visit our “[Tickets Page](#)” for individual and group tickets.

ADMINISTRIVIA

Deadline to file for "Removal of Grade Incomplete" from previous quarter – December 15th

Deadline to file for a Request to receive a grade of "Incomplete" – December 17th

Grades Available Online – December 20th

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.

On the wall - Pearl Rhein "Hello UCSD family! I recently made my off-Broadway debut playing several roles and instruments in Red Bull's production of Ben Jonson's "Volpone" starring Stephen Spinella and Tovah Feldshuh. Let me know if you'd like to see it, I may be able to get comps or discounted tickets!" Here's a [nice interview](#) with our own MFA Acting Alum [Danny Burstein](#) (by the way Golden Boy also has MFA Acting Alum [Brad Fleischer](#) in it).
Courtney McLean: "AND... are any of you in Chicago on Dec. 29? My band and another hilarious comedy band (Valley Meadows, our brother band) will be performing at The Underground Lounge. Not sure of the time, but prolly around 9pm. I would ask if any of you are in Fargo, Cedar Rapids, or Madison (the cities we'll be at surrounding the 29th), but I doubt it. :)"

Kevin Matthew Reyes, BA '12, makes his professional stage debut at the Goodman Theatre in Chicago. He will be appearing in [The World of Extreme Happiness](#), by Frances Ya-Chu Cowhig, from December 9th - 23rd. He was recently interviewed for the Goodman's ["Backstage" spotlight](#), and made many mentions of his training at UCSD.



Hugo Medina, MFA 11, sent a note to say: "Just writing to inform that I've been cast in the upcoming pilot, "The Bridge", starring Diane Kruger and Oscar nominee Demian Bichir. The character I am playing is also named Hugo." Adapted from the Scandinavian series *i Bron*, *The Bridge* centers on two detectives from the United States and Mexico who must work together to hunt down a serial killer operating on both sides of the American-Mexican border. [FX production.]

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.) We'll be back with you after the break!



Wishing you Happy Holidays!