# THEATRE BANCE

### Week 8

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#### **Department News**

**Presentation This Week: 1st Year Project** 

The first year Acting class will present their First Year Project this week: Friday, Nov. 18th at 12:30PM in Galbraith Hall (GH) 23.



Come check it out!

#### **Opening This Week: "Vieux Carré"**



By Tennessee Williams Directed by Will Detlefsen

#### About the play

Tennessee Williams' Vieux Carré is a memory play, written over the span of 40 years. The play tracks the journey of a young, gay writer searching for love and artistic inspiration in the people and the environment surrounding him. He finds himself in a dilapidated boarding house filled with beautiful dying souls, all tragically lonely and wonderfully weird. It is there that he discovers who he is and the power of empathy.

"How readily one accepts the inevitable, it would seem." --Tennessee Williams

#### THE CAST

Jane - Mary Glen Fredrick The Writer - Andrew Gallop Mary Maude - Katherine Ko Nightingale - Sean McIntyre Miss Carrie - Martin Meccouri Mrs. Wire - Mo Rodvanich Tye/Sky - Hunter Spangler

THE CREATIVE TEAM Director - Will Detlefsen Scenic & Projections Designer - Anna Robinson Costume Designer - Junior Bergman Lighting Designer - Joel Britt, Brandon Rosen Sound Designer - Steven Leffue Dramaturge - Will Jones Vocal Coach - Ursula Meyer Asst. Director - Dylan Key Asst. Sound Designer - Zhongran Carren Wang Production Stage Manager - Jessie Medofer Asst. Stage Managers - Kasson Marroquin, Tyler Larson

PERFORMANCE SCHEDULE Tuesday, Nov. 15th at 7:00PM - Preview Wednesday, Nov. 16th at 7:30PM - Opening Night Thursday, Nov. 17th at 7:30PM Friday, Nov. 18th at 7:30PM Saturday, Nov. 19th at 2:00PM & 7:30PM Monday, Nov. 21st at 7:30PM - Closing Night





#### Dr. Marianne McDonald's "Prometheus Bound: A Puppet Tragedy" Premieres in Pittsburg, PA



**Dr. Marianne McDonald's (Distinguished Professor of Theatre and Classics)** adaptation of Aeschylus's "Prometheus Bound" received its premiere at the Irma Freeman Center for Imagination in Pittsburg, PA.

Below is an excerpt from a review of the performance:

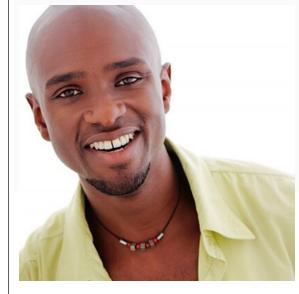
"An intriguing mythical adventure featuring puppets and actors runs just this weekend at the Irma Freeman Center for Imagination. Felicia Cooper, director and puppet artist, conceived this community project to introduce new audiences to her craft through workshops in six company spaces and three performances.

Aeschylus's ancient tale centers on the stand Prometheus takes for what he believes is right. He's shared the gift of fire with humans, depicted in a prologue by the cast of five."

To read the full review, click here.

#### **Alumni News**

**Owiso Odera: In Memorium** 



We are extremely sad to report **Owiso Odera** (**'05 MFA Acting alum**) passed away on November 3rd.

A memorial service celebrating the life of Owiso Odera will be held in Los Angeles at the Skirball Cultural Center on November 19, 2016 at 2pm.

Owiso was in Louisville, KY, rehearsing a producing of Dominique Morisseau's "Detroit '67", directed by **Kyle Donnelly** (**Acting Faculty**).

"Owiso was an accomplished and talented actor with an impressive list of theatre, television and film credits," **Les Waters** (**Directing Faculty Emeritus**) and Kevin E. Moore of Actors Theatre said in a statement. "However, he was much more than just a colleague. Owiso was a dear friend to many and will be immensely missed by the performing arts communities all across

the country."

Actors Theatre announced it is canceling the production.

Odera, who was born to Kenyan parents in Khartoum and grew up in Nairobi, portrayed the character Papa Tunde in the CW series "The Originals" and had acted in many television shows including "The Good Wife," "Madame Secretary," "Minority Report" and "NCIS."

#### Daniel Rubiano: In West Coast Premiere of "Kentucky"

**Daniel Rubiano** ('**12 MFA Acting**) performs in Leah Nanako Winkler's "Kentucky", directed by Deena Selenow with the East West Players.



The play runs from November 10, 2016 to December 11, 2016 in Los Angeles.

#### About the show

Hiro is self-made, single, and almost making it in NYC when her born-again Christian baby sister decides to marry a man she hardly knows. Hiro resolves to stop the wedding, returning to Kentucky and the past she put behind her. Will she save her sister and escape back to Manhattan? Will years of therapy unravel in one weekend back home? Identity, religion, and love collide in this rollicking coming-of-age story.

For tickets and more information, <u>click here</u>.

Hannah Tamminen: On CBS's "NCIS"



Check out **Hannah Tamminen** (**'15 MFA Acting alum**) on CBS original series "NCIS" on last night's episode. "NCIS" is an American action police procedural television series, revolving around a fictional team of special agents from the Naval Criminal Investigative Service, which investigates crimes involving the U.S. Navy and Marine Corps.

To watch last night's episode, <u>click here</u>.

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