



Week Five – Fall Quarter 2011

Monday, October 24th

MEETINGS OF THE WEEK

Wednesday, October 26th - Production Meeting: *The Thugs*, 10:00am in GH 144

Wednesday, October 26th - Faculty Meeting: 4:00pm in GH 144

Thursday, October 27th - Production Meeting: *The Storm*, 10:00am in GH 144

DEPARTMENT NEWS

PhD student **Laura Brueckner** has been appointed Associate Editor of [Theatre Bay Area magazine](#). Theatre Bay Area's mission is to unite, strengthen, promote and advance the theatre community in the San Francisco Bay Area, working on the conviction that the performing arts are an essential public good, critical to a healthy and truly democratic society, and invaluable as a source of personal enrichment and growth.

Photos from the MFA fundraiser *On an Average Day* are [available online](#).

Jim Carmody, Senior Lecturer Theatre and Dance Department and Editor of *TheatreForum*, was a panel participant at the fall Scholarly Communications Luncheon this week. The luncheon was held by the Library to mark Open Access Week.

NEWS FOR FACULTY AND STAFF

Open Enrollment Information – Benefits changes, costs, and associated information is to be made available to faculty and staff on Monday (Oct 24). Check the [UCOP web page](#) for details. Premium info is [online now](#).

UC to monitor dependent benefits coverage - Beginning in early 2012, Human Resources will review all enrolled family members in an effort to reduce the number of ineligible family members enrolled in benefits plans. All affiliates who have enrolled family members will be asked to provide appropriate documentation - marriage or birth certificates, verification of domestic partnerships, adoption and tax records - to verify that their family members are eligible for coverage. [More here](#).

NEWS FOR STUDENTS



Free Holiday Airport Shuttle - The Holiday Airport Shuttle provides students free transportation between Peterson Hall ([map](#)) and the [San Diego International Airport](#) (Terminals 1, 2, and Commuter) during Thanksgiving, winter, and spring breaks. [Reserve a seat online](#) beginning Tuesday, November 2nd, for the Thanksgiving Holidays.

ADMINISTRIVIA

Veterans' Day Holiday – Friday, November 11th

Drop without penalty of "F" grade - (undergraduates) November 28th

Last day of classes before finals – December 2nd

ON STAGE

Starting off the Department's season this year will be [*The Dybbuk*](#), by S. Ansky, directed by second year graduate directing student **Joshua Kahan Brody**, on November 10th. Khonen, a devoted Talmudic scholar, falls in love with Leah, but when her father finds a more wealthy suitor, he drops dead of sorrow. At his gravesite, Leah becomes possessed by a Dybbuk, a malicious spirit intent on righting past wrongs, and ultimately, unites Leah with her destined love. A re-imagined classic from the Yiddish theater.

November 16th - [*The Thugs*](#), by Adam Bock, directed by Guest Director **Eric Hunicutt**. Someone may have died up on the ninth floor. But these temps in a law firm's back office certainly don't want to find out. Gossip and rumors abound in this Obie-award winning play.

November 18th - [*The Storm*](#), by Alexander Ostrovsky. Directed by **Larissa Lury**. The ideal faces the real in a small storm-ridden town on the bank of a major river. A young couple, a domineering mother, an eccentric scientist, a powerful businessman, and a new-comer all harbor secrets. But some may find the weight of such hidden knowledge too much to bear. The intertwining of nature, science, and faith flood the stage in this classic play by one of Russia's most treasured dramatists.

December 2nd - [*Pedestrian Politics Performance Project*](#). Created by **Robert Castro, Patricia Rincon, Yolande Snaith, and Natalia Valerdi**. *Pedestrian* is a Site Specific Happening at various locations/times on campus.

Tickets for *The Dybbuk*, and all the Department's upcoming productions, are [available online](#).

ALUM UPDATES



[**Carmen Gill**](#) (MFA '05) is booked to appear on 2-2, a CBS police that drama follows the personal and professional lives of four NYPD rookie cops. It's a mid-season replacement so Carmen's episode will air in early 2012. Carmen was also recently called in to audition for the McCarter Theater's upcoming production of *A Christmas Carol*. Director: Michael Unger, Casting: Laura Stanczyk Casting.

[**Brandin Barón**](#) (MFA '96) designed for Santa Cruz Shakespeare over the summer and got a nice [write-up](#).

[**Jerald Schwiebert**](#) (MFA '81) was a master movement teacher at Southern Methodist University before joining the Michigan faculty where he is now an Assistant Professor of Theatre (Acting, Directing & Movement).

[**Eugene Nesmith**](#) (MFA '87) is Associate Professor and Chair of the Department of Theatre and Speech at the City College of New York.

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[Natalia Valerdi-Reese](#) (BA Dance '06) is a digital media artist, choreographer and arts educator. She is interested in the relationship between digital media, art and culture. Her work encompasses the areas of dance, choreography, screendance, performance art, social media and live interactive digital media. She currently develops and maintains the [Patricia Rincon Dance Collective](#) website and teaches Dance and Technology at UCSD and San Diego City College. She also works with [Collaborations: Teachers and Artists](#) (CoTA), a professional development program for elementary school teachers in San Diego County supporting the integration of arts into the classroom as to support standards-based learning.

From the wall - [Joy Osmanski](#) (MFA '03): "I'm pleased to introduce you to (drumroll, fanfare, various clowns juggling) Julie. Allen Gregory premieres October 30, Sunday, at 8:30pm! watch it and I'll think you're swell." [On FOX TV] Animated. "Since his family has fallen on hard times, Allen Gregory De Longpre, one of the most pretentious 7-year olds of our time, is forced to face his greatest challenge -- attending public school to enter the first grade. His mature ways make it hard for him to fit in and his struggle to adjust is not limited to his classmates. As Allen Gregory makes his rounds with the faculty, his first meeting with his much-older principal takes a special turn Voice Cast: Jonah Hill as Allen Gregory De Longpre; French Stewart as Richard De Longpre; Nat Faxon as Jeremy De Longpre; Cristina Pucelli as Patrick; Joy Osmanski as Julie; Renee Taylor as Principal Gottlieb; Leslie Mann as Gina." Here's an [interview with Joy](#).



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