

WEEK TWO – Spring Quarter 2013

Monday, April 8th

MEETINGS OF THE WEEK

Wednesday, April 10th in GH 144 - 4:00-4:30pm LSOE series faculty; 4:30-5:30 Area Heads

DEPARTMENT NEWS

Professor **Kyle Donnelly** is in Washington, DC, to direct *Other Desert Cities*, by Jon Robin Baitz, at [Arena Stage](#). Cast in the production are MFA Acting alums [Scott Drummond](#) ('07) and [Emily Donahoe](#) ('03).

Professor **Marianne McDonald** will be speaking at a seminar on mental illness on Saturday, April 13th, from 2:00 - 4:30pm in the Manchester Room of Saints Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Church, 3459 Manchester Avenue in Cardiff-by-the-Sea. She will discuss the [McDonald Center](#) at Sharp Hospital, which specializes in treating drug and alcohol dependence.

Emeritus Dance faculty member **Jean Isaacs** was [interviewed recently](#) on KPBS in San Diego. Her dance company is celebrating the opening of the White Box Space at NTC. The White Box Space is a white 2,500-square-foot, second-floor performance space created by Jean and the new White Box Collective, a group of emerging choreographers. The space is hosting the [Live Arts Fest](#) through April 21st. The festival consists of fifteen dance, theater, puppetry, art and workshop events.

NEWS FOR FACULTY AND STAFF



Planning to Retire Soon? - If so, please contact your [Benefits Representative](#) today if you have not already scheduled an appointment. If not, the Human Resources Benefits Unit will be holding a series of workshops aimed to assist your financial and retirement planning. These workshops are for anyone interested in financial planning, not just those nearing retirement. All sessions are free of charge, and are held in Torrey Pines Center South. [More here.](#)

Get Your Running Shoes Out! - The Triton 5K (formerly the Chancellor's Challenge 5K Run/Walk for Scholars) has been reimagined. The annual race (June 8th) will feature a new course, Kids Fun Run, event festival, healthy living fair and more! Established in 1996, the annual event has raised more than \$3 million, benefiting more than 900 motivated and ambitious students with scholarship support. By participating in the Triton 5K, you are supporting student scholarships and "racing for the future." Learn more about the [cause.](#)

Deadline for FSA Enrollees - You have until April 15th to submit your reimbursement claim forms for eligible expenses incurred during the period of January 1, 2012 through March 15, 2013. [More here.](#)

ONSTAGE



The 2013 Wagner New Play Festival at UC San Diego features world premiere productions by our talented MFA playwrights, and directed, acted, stage managed and designed by our nationally-acclaimed MFA companies. This year, the plays range in scope from the untold story of Picasso's best friend to the story of a Haitian-American immigrant struggling to make a life for herself in Miami. They take place in Paris at the dawn of the 20th century and China at the dawn of the 21st. They ask questions ranging from what drives a person to catastrophic violence to what price we pay to escape the demons of our past.

The plays produced in the Wagner New Plays Festival represent some of the most original and ground-breaking new voices in American theatre. Our MFA playwrights have gone on to be produced and commissioned around the country. New plays showcased at the festival have gone on to be produced at the Humana Festival at the Actors' Theatre of Louisville and the O'Neill Playwrights Conference, and also produced and work-shopped in major venues in New York City, San Francisco, Boston, Atlanta, Minneapolis, Chicago, and Washington D.C..

[The Festival](#) features works by MFA Playwrights **Sharif Abu-Hamdeh, Jeff Augustin, Kristin Idaszak,** and **David Jacobi**. Directed, Designed, Stage Managed and Performed by MFA students in various venues in the UCSD Theatre District / La Jolla Playhouse.

Ticket Information - Visit the Department's "[Tickets Page](#)" for individual and group ticket information.

ADMINISTRIVIA

April 12th – Deadline to file for advancement to candidacy (graduate students)

April 26th – Deadline to drop a class without a "W"

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

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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 - "Drama Club Films picks up little film CROWS from Resonant Entertainment for distribution -- starring MFA in Acting UCSD alumni **Ty Granderson Jones** and **Taylor Grant** along with Christina Moses & Jerrod Paige. Written and produced by Jim Harris. Produced and directed by Roy Vongtama. The film has also been accepted into several prestigious film festivals-- upcoming the 2013 Buffalo Niagara International Film Festival this month. -- [Click & see Trailer!](#)" [Emily Hayes](#) "Hey ya'll!!! For anyone in the NYC area- you have GOT to check out HANDS ON A HARDBODY, the newest show on Broadway! There is some GREAT UCSD alum power behind this one! Here's the rave [NY Times review.](#)"

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MFA '11 Design Alum **Alina Bokovikova** is a Costume Designer for the Old Globe Theatre and the [Playwrights Project](#), and an Instructor for History of Costume at [FIDM](#).



MFA '10 Actor [Maritxell Carrero](#) was last seen as "Lydia" at the Matrix Theater in the Los Angeles production of *All My Sons*, nominated for The Stage Scene LA and Ovation awards and winner of the 2012 NAACP Best Ensemble Award. Maritxell is also writer of "A Revolutionary Mystic" a one person show based on the life of ex-Puerto Rican political prisoner Lolita Lebron and her transformation during her 25 years in jail.

Dance MFA '11 alum **Rebecca Salzer's** recent work for the stage has been seen at Highways Performance Space and Gallery in Los Angeles and at The La Jolla Playhouse. Her films and videos have been programmed in national and international film festivals and on PBS-affiliate stations nationwide. Rebecca is a Jacob K. Javits Fellow, and has been on the faculty of Lawrence University in Appleton, WI as Visiting Assistant Professor of Dance since 2011.

Acting MFA '10 alum [Johnny Ray Gill](#) will appear in the cast of Season 3 of AMC's *The Killing*, which was just recently honored with two Saturn Award nominations for Best Syndicated Cable Television Series. Gill was [True Blood's](#) "Tyrese" during season 5.



**Raymond Castelon** (BA '08) recently appeared in the [ACT's 2013 Actor's Showcase](#) in Los Angeles and will be in their New York Showcase this week.

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