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Truman Opera Theatre Presents "Cosi fan tutte"

Truman Opera Theatre presents "Cosi fan tutte" by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart at 8 p.m. March 27-28 and at 3 p.m. March 29-30.

All performances will take place in the Ophelia Parrish Performance Hall. Shirley McKamie, lecturer in music, will give a pre-opera lecture one hour before each performance in Ophelia Parrish Room 2340.

Tickets are \$7 for adults, \$4 for students, and are on sale now in the Ophelia Parrish lobby from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. They will also be available at the door before each performance. For more information, call 785.4433 or e-mail thueber@truman.edu.

Health and Fitness Presentations for Faculty and Staff Members

Students in the Program Implementation and Evaluation class will be giving different health and fitness presentations to faculty and staff members.

Graded Bag Lunch
1:30-2:30 p.m. • April 1
SUB Georgian Room B

Stress Management
10-11 a.m. • April 7
SRC Conference Room

Smart Snacks
10:30-11:30 a.m. • April 14
SRC Conference Room

For more information, contact Rebecca Verhaeghe at rnv051@truman.edu.

The Kohlenberg Lyceum Series Presents the Missouri Contemporary Ballet in "ROCK!"

The Kohlenberg Lyceum Series has added a performance by the Missouri Contemporary Ballet to the 2007-2008 schedule at 7:30 p.m. April 4 in Baldwin Auditorium.

The Missouri Contemporary Ballet (MCB) will perform "ROCK!", a unique and entertaining production that takes one on a historical and emotional ride as it explores and interprets rock-and-roll music through the '70s, '80s and '90s. "ROCK!" features well-known music by Elton John, Blondie, Queen, the Cure, Cyndi Lauper, Nirvana, Red Hot Chili Peppers and many other talented artists.

"ROCK!" premiered in the fall of 2007 at the Blue Note in Columbia, Mo., and was performed again in February due to popular demand. "ROCK!" features MCB's six talented dancers: Lily Frazier-Ransom, Laura Jones, Megan Pulfer, Emily Spadafora, Molly Wagner and Zach Young.

Missouri Contemporary Ballet, founded in July 2006, is a nonprofit professional dance company that is committed to creating dance entertainment

through the art of contemporary ballet. MCB creates exciting, edgy, hip entertainment, bringing elements of Broadway, Vegas, and ballet to the stage to make the experience of live dance an artful and joyful event for all ages.

Seating is general admission. Admission is free for students, faculty and staff with their University ID. Tickets will be available beginning March 28. Students will be able pick up tickets at the Student Activities Board Office, first floor of the Student Union Building. Faculty and staff will be able to pick up tickets at the Center for Student Involvement, first floor of the Student Union Building.

The University requests that all patrons be seated five minutes prior to the performance. The University reserves the right to fill all seats, reserved and general admission, five minutes before the time of performance stated on the ticket. No refunds will be given.

Contact the Public Relations Office at 785.4016 for more information or log on to <http://lyceum.truman.edu>.

Truman Debaters Capture Novice National Championship

A small contingent of debaters from the Truman Forensic Union captured the Novice National Championship in Lincoln-Douglas Debate, as well as other honors, at the 26th Annual Novice Nationals, held March 14-16 at the University of West Florida, in Pensacola. Forty-three colleges and universities from across the nation entered first-year competitors in a range of individual speaking and debate events. More than 20 of these schools were entered in the debate events in which Truman participated.

Sarah Backhaus, a freshman from Liberty, Mo.; Dylan Clark, a freshman from Maryland Heights, Mo.; and Margaret Gillard, a freshman from Jackson, Mo.; shared the tournament championship in Lincoln-Douglas Debate. Backhaus and Gillard closed-out one semifinal bracket, while Clark defeated an opponent from the University of West Florida in the opposing bracket. This

culminated in a final round composed of both Backhaus and Clark. Thus, no final debate was needed. Backhaus was ranked first speaker in the division, while Clark was ranked third.

In parliamentary debate the team of Backhaus and Clark reached the semifinals of the tournament before losing to a team from Utah Valley State College. Backhaus was ranked fifth speaker in the division.

The Novice National Championship, now in its 26th year, is an opportunity for colleges and universities to expose first-year competitors to a national championship experience. Many students, including these students from Truman, also compete for national titles that include students from all class levels. In two weeks, Backhaus and Clark will join two other teams from Truman at the National Parliamentary Debate Association Championships at the United States Air Force Academy.

The Center for Student Involvement is now accepting applications for scholarship and work-study positions

Applications for fall 2008 may be picked up at the CSI Office in the Student Union Building. Please contact the CSI at 785.4222 with any questions.

Truman Bookstore presents Darius Radmanesh

Darius Radmanesh, a Kirksville resident, will be available for a book signing and presentation of his book, "Escape from Iran, The Story of an American Boy" from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. March 29 in the Truman Bookstore. The book tells about a typical American boy from Missouri who was forced to serve in the Iranian Army. Copies are available early via e-mail at bkstrumanst@bncollege.com. For more information, contact 785.4211.

Environmental Studies Conference 2008: Nourish the Future

A call for papers, presentations and art.

Now is the time to start thinking about possible topics and presentations and creating art for the Environmental Studies Conference and the ARTSEnvironmental Gallery Show. Earth Week is April 20-26 and conference presentations will be from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. April 22-23. Following the presentations, keynote speaker Michael Shuman will close the conference with a speech at 7:30 p.m. in Baldwin Auditorium.

Consider designing school research or art projects to fit into an environmental studies topic. Papers and presentations from all disciplines and backgrounds will be accepted since environmental studies is an interdisciplinary topic.

To submit a proposal, e-mail a concise abstract to blw456@truman.edu. Proposals will be accepted through March 31. Conference and Art Show submissions are open to students, faculty and Kirksville community members. For information about Earth Week events, go to <http://earth.truman.edu>.

Innovative Residency to Feature Audience Performing in a Rainforest

A forthcoming music/media residency, to be given by the McLean Mix, the internationally-recognized husband-wife composer-performer duo should be of special interest to all who are fascinated by music incorporating the wondrous sights and sounds of the tropical rainforest with the latest experimental computer and electronic music techniques. The residency is sponsored by the Truman Interdisciplinary Studies Programs, The Center for Teaching and Learning, the School of Health Sciences and Education, and the Department of music.

Barton and Priscilla McLean (the McLean Mix) are classically-trained composers who are now exploring ways of directly using the above themes as compositional sources. As the major portion of the residency, the McLeans will present "Rainforest," a work based on the nocturnal impressions one receives in a tropical rainforest, inspired by actual recent expeditions by the McLeans to rainforests in the Amazon, Puerto Rico, the Everglades, Australia, New Zealand, Hawaii, and most recently, an expedition to the jungles of Borneo, living with a former headhunter tribe. In this installation format, the collaborative work has no beginning or ending (just as the timeless rainforest itself), but rather, the listener defines these by walking into the room (beginning) and leaving (end). Upon entering he/she will hear a sultry, restful "drone" with forest sounds overlaid. He/she will see various stations in the room and, upon approaching one, will sit down at a synthesizer, microphone, or amplified autoharp and according to the simple instructions provided, will actually make music on the instrument. All the sounds of the instruments are intended to sound well together, no matter what the combination. Therefore, the performer can do no wrong. The visitor is encouraged to wander about,

sometimes listening to the ever-changing kaleidoscope of sound, sometimes contributing to the performance, as he/she desires. When the visitor has had enough, he/she can enjoy the multiple slide projections of surrealist images of the rainforest, with the soft vibrations of the installation in the background.

Unlike many classical computer music composer-performers, the McLeans manage to prosper in what they do without benefit of any other full-time position, surviving principally on their music performance. To this end the McLean Mix has performed extensively in all sections of the U.S. and in a number of European countries in such forums as the Zagreb International Muzicki Biennale and the Pacific Rim and Asia (Australia, New Zealand, Hawaii, Malaysia and the Philippines). Recipients of six NEA grants, their music has been performed in most of the major music festivals of the world, such as Warsaw Autumn, Graz, Bourges and Gaudeamus. They have a total of 14 commercially-available recordings and CDs on the labels Folkways, CRI, Louisville Orchestra, Orion, Opus One, Advance, Centaur, MLC and Capstone. Having pioneered many of the electronic music techniques we now take for granted, they both teach from time to time in major universities such as the University of Hawaii, University of Texas, R.P.I. and Indiana University.

For "Rainforest," visitors are welcome to go to Violette Hall 1000 any time between 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. April 2. On April 3, people may attend any time between 9-10:30 a.m. or 12:30-4:30 p.m. Visitors are encouraged to bring small instruments if they wish (woodwinds, violin, bird calls, whistles, harmonica, etc.). A special concert, Natural Energy, will be given at 7:30 p.m. April 4. For further information, contact Robert Martin at rmartin@truman.edu or 785.4385.

School of Business Graduates Present "Backpack to Briefcase"

"Backpack to Briefcase: Three Topics to Transform Your Transition from Truman to the Top" will be presented March 28 by School of Business graduates. The event will consist of three sessions to be presented several times throughout the day.

"Extreme Makeover: Résumé Edition" will be an interactive, hands-on session designed to enhance student's résumés in order to secure an interview for a great summer job or internship. This session is intended for sophomores and juniors, and participants should bring four copies of their résumé. "Extreme Makeover: Résumé Edition" will be presented at 11:30 a.m., 1:30 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. in Violette Hall 1416 and will last a half hour.

"Dollars & Sense" addresses financial strategies for after graduation including: reducing debt, budgeting living expenses, buying a house, analyzing how much to

invest in a 401K and more. This half hour session will be offered at 10:30 a.m., 1:30 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. in Violette Hall 1412.

Finally, "Package & Promote" outlines how students can differentiate themselves in all aspects of the interview process and will be presented at 11:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. in Violette Hall 1412 and at 2:30 p.m. in Violette Hall 1416.

All three sessions will be offered from noon-12:30 p.m. in the Violette Hall Upstairs Commons. A light lunch will be served during this block. Space is limited, so those interested should R.S.V.P. to Lana Dowell in the School of Business office by 5 p.m. March 27. This option will only be available to students enrolled in the School of Business.

For more information, contact Lana Dowell at ldowell@truman.edu or 785.4346.

NOTABLES

Jeff W. Justice, assistant professor of political science, recently presented his paper "A Foucaultian Perspective on the Real Threat Islam Poses to Western Democracy" (co-authored with Zachary Haney, Texas State University) at the 2008 annual meeting of the Southwestern Political Science Association (SWPSA), held in Las Vegas, Nev. The SWPSA is a part of the Southwestern Social Sciences Association, the nation's oldest interdisciplinary social sciences professional association.

Sara E. Orel, professor of art history, will be presenting her paper "Cemeteries at the Gebel el-Haridi: A Preliminary Report" at the Annual

Meeting of the American Research Center in Egypt in Seattle at the end of April. The paper discusses her archaeological survey work at this Upper Egyptian site in the 1990s. This spring she had eight photographs of Indonesia and Malaysia published in "Interweaving Cultures: Islam in Southeast Asia," a teacher's guide published by the Asia Society.

Marc Rice, associate professor of musicology, will present his paper "Friday at 2:30 in Music History: It's Story Time!" at the College Music Society Great Plains/Great Lakes 2008 conference March 28 at Illinois State University in Normal, Ill.

Author Visits Campus for Book Reading and Signing

Carol V. Davis, author of "Into the Arms of Pushkin: Poems of St. Petersburg," will appear at 7 p.m. March 27 in the Student Union Building Down Under to read selections from her award-winning poetry collection and sign books. Sponsored by the Truman State University Press, Kirksville, she is the winner of the 2007 T. S. Eliot Prize for Poetry.

For several years Davis divided her time between the U.S. and Russia, where, as an American-born Jew, she was an outsider in Russian society. This collection of poems expresses the struggle with language barriers

and cultural differences—struggles heightened as Davis helped her children adjust to their new daily life. Inspired by Russia's rich history, its economic changes, and landscape, these poems express a unique perspective of Russia.

Davis is the author of a bilingual collection, "It's Time to Talk About," published in Russia, and two chapbooks, "Letters From Prague" and "The Violin Teacher." She was a senior Fulbright scholar in St. Petersburg, Russia, in 1996-1997 and 2005 and now teaches at Santa Monica College in California.

The Student Union Begins Room Lottery Process for Fall 2008

The Student Union is beginning another room lottery process. Anyone wishing to submit room requests for fall 2008 should complete the forms and submit them on April 15 from 8 a.m.-6:30 p.m. Early submissions will not be accepted. Submission for events after April 16 will be entered on a first-come, first-serve basis after the lottery is completed.

The lottery is designed to allow the Student Union

staff to best place events for the upcoming semester. The staff are able to accommodate most requests and can move requests in an effort to serve all users.

Early submissions are often misfiled or misplaced in the time before the lottery. Groups will also attempt to "shotgun" requests rather than participate in the lottery process. Early submissions will be returned.

The Department of Communication with the Ad and PR Club present "The Art and Science of Word of Mouth Marketing"

Speaker Willow Baum-Lundgreen will present at 6 p.m. March 26 in Barnett Hall 1211.

Baum-Lundgreen is a business activist, entrepreneur, writer and new school marketer for the social media age. Her clients have included Anheuser-Busch, Coca-Cola, Gillette, Aerosmith, Christina Aguilera, Jewel, Compuserve and IBM. She will discuss what it's like working in today's technologically networked world. Admission is free.

Truman Intramural Recreational Sports Planner

Activity	Division	Deadline	*Captains' Meeting	Play Begins
Sports Trivia	Open	March 25	N/A	March 30
Ultimate Frisbee	Open	April 7	April 10	April 12 and 13

Entry forms and information sheets may be picked up at the Student Recreation Center (lobby area). Entry forms are to be deposited into the metal box located at the Member Services Desk in the Student Recreation Center. The entry deadline for each sport will be 11 p.m. on the date posted above. Online registration is available. *Captains' Meetings for each sport will take place on the Thursday evening following the entry deadline (unless otherwise noted) at 4:30 p.m. in the conference room of the Student Recreation Center. Official rules for each sport are available online at <http://recreation.truman.edu>.

Intersections: A Truman Conference In honor of Women's History Month

13th Annual Women's and Gender Studies Conference

March 27 Violette Hall 1000

Noon-1:15 p.m. • Gender identity and the family

1:30-3:15 p.m. • Fashion, women and power

3:30-4:20 p.m. • Personal testimony

4:30-5:45 p.m. • Unpacking activism

March 28 Violette Hall 1000

10:30-11:20 a.m. • Powerful women

11:30 a.m.-12:20 p.m. • Colonized and colonizing women

12:30-1:20 p.m. • Erotica and resistance

1:30-2:20 p.m. • International women

2:30-3:20 p.m. • Workshop: sexuality and geography

3:30-4:20 p.m. • Women in the movies

4:30-5:50 p.m. • A play and a keynote

March 29 Violette Hall 1000

11:30 a.m.-12:45 p.m. • Radical canons

1-1:50 p.m. • Whiteness and womanhood

2-3:15 p.m. • Age studies

3:30-4:20 p.m. • Staged readings

4:30-5:45 p.m. • Keynote performance

Now Hiring

SERVE Center

The SERVE Center is now hiring. Students may pick up an application today. Applications are available for scholarship and work-study positions for fall 2008 in the Center for Student Involvement or at <http://serve.truman.edu>. Applications are due by 5 p.m. April 9 in the CSI Office. Contact the CSI Office at 785.4222 with any questions.

Writing Center

Students from all majors are invited to apply for positions as writing consultants. Consultants may choose to receive a stipend or apply their work toward scholarship hours. Stop by The Writing Center, MC 303 for an application or visit the Web site <http://writingcenter.truman.edu>. For more information call 785.4484.

The International Reading Association will be having a silent autographed book auction from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. March 25-28 in the Student Union Building. All proceeds will benefit the Brashear School Library. E-mail Kristina Rieman at kdr759@truman.edu for more information.

A Candidates Forum, sponsored by the Kirksville Chamber of Commerce, will take place March 25 at the El Kadir Shrine Club. All of the nine candidates for the Kirksville City Council have been invited along with the five candidates for Kirksville R-III School Board and representatives from the three ballot issues (law enforcement, school district and Hwy. 63 alternate route). People will have the opportunity to visit with the candidates and representatives from the issues from 6-7 p.m. and at 7 p.m. the school board candidates will each be introducing themselves and at 7:15 p.m. the City Council candidates will entertain questions from the media moderators.

Students may attend a viewing of the Disney College Program E-Presentation at 7 p.m. March 25 in Student Union Building Room 319. Students will be able to learn more about this internship from Truman students who are alumni of the program. Contact Jessica Berger at tsudisneyreps@aol.com for more information.

Red Carpet Runway, a fund-raiser for the Ronald McDonald House sponsored by Phi Sigma Pi, Delta Sigma Pi and the SOC, will take place at 7:30 p.m. March 25 in the Student Union Building Georgian Room. Pageant contestants will be dressed as their favorite movie characters and will then walk around with jars to collect change from audience members. The person who collects the most change will win the prize. Bring spare change or money to vote with. Admission is free.

The Weekly Lunch Series will meet from 12:30-1:30 p.m. March 26 in the Student Union Building Georgian Room A. This week's session will feature Paul Yoder from the Writing Across the Curriculum Committee speaking about "Writing Assignments to Decrease Plagiarism."

There will be a Physics Colloquium at 4:30 p.m. March 26 in Magruder Hall 1096.

The Missouri Court of Appeals, Western District, will convene court at Truman for the third time in history at 1 p.m. March 27 in the Student Union Building Activities Room. A three-judge panel consisting of Chief Judge Victor C. Howard, Judge Lisa White Hardwick and Judge James Welsh will hear oral arguments in five cases. For more information, contact Terence G. Lord at tlord@courts.mo.gov.

There will be a Global Issues Colloquium from 7-9 p.m. March 27 in the Magruder Hall 2001. Hector Avelos from Iowa State University, whose areas of expertise include U.S. Latino religion and literature and also religion and violence will present.

IT Services invites faculty, staff and students to TechBreak at 1:30 p.m. March 28 in Violette Hall 1300. The topic of this week's discussion is "The University Calendar," featuring speakers Todd Kuhns, Greg Marshall, Heidi Templeton and Katie Best.

A retirement reception held in honor of Judy Lundberg, director of grants, will take place from 2-4 p.m. March 28 in Pickler Memorial Library 205.

The Bike Co-op Grand Opening will take place March 28 and 29. The Co-op is located on Patterson Street, next to the MAC, across from Magruder Hall. Events are free and open to the public. Events will include an open shop at 3 p.m. March 28 and an open house from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. March 29. Visit <http://bikeco-op.truman.edu> for more information and complete event listing.

Squirrelfest, an outdoor bandfest that has been a Truman tradition for years, will take place beginning at 5 p.m. March 28

on the Quadrangle. Bands will start performing at 6 p.m. Dobson Hall Senate and Student Senate are sponsoring this event. Come to Japan, The Lush, Mr. History, Nothing Still, Fight Fight Fight, Honey Gum & the Seed, Cohesion, and Victory Service will be the bands performing at Squirrelfest. In addition to the eight bands, local Kirksville businesses will have information and food available on the Quadrangle. Squirrelfest will also help the Bike Co-op organizers kick off the grand opening for the Bike Co-op, and TAG Improv will be performing between acts. Contact JoEllen Flanagan at jaf3154@truman.edu for more information.

Women of Distinction Nominations are due March 28. This award honors and acknowledges women in the Truman and Kirksville communities who have positively impacted their community or individuals within it. Nomination forms are available at the Women's Resource Center on the Student Union Building lower level and online at <http://wrc.truman.edu>. An awards banquet will take place from 6-8 p.m. April 7 in the Student Union Building Georgian Room A.

SIMS applications are now available via the Student Affairs Web site and in hard copy form in the Center for Student Involvement and the Student Affairs Office. Applications must be returned by March 28 to the Center for Student Involvement. Any problems, contact Student Affairs at 785.4111 or stuaff@truman.edu.

Phi Epsilon Kappa, exercise science fraternity, is sponsoring Glow Stick it to Cancer at 9 p.m. April 15 at Stokes Stadium Gardner Track. Glow Stick it to Cancer is a two-mile run/walk at night with glow sticks. All proceeds will benefit the Adair County Relay For Life and the American Cancer Society. Glow sticks, bracelets and necklaces will be provided to all participants. Refreshments will be provided and there will be attendance prizes. Pre-registration prices are \$5 for glow sticks only and \$15 for glow sticks and glow in the dark T-shirt. Participants can pre-register by March 28. Day of registration will be available beginning at 8:45 p.m. April 15 at the gate. Day of registration prices are \$7 for glow sticks only and \$20 for glow sticks and glow in the dark T-shirt while supplies last. Registration forms are available online at <http://www2.truman.edu/~sdd209>. Contact Sam Dutrow at sdd209@truman.edu for more information.

Beta Alpha Psi will be sponsoring Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) from 8 a.m.-3 p.m. March 29 and April 5 in Violette Hall 1424. The members will give income tax assistance to students and the community and file their tax return electronically for free. Additional information is available at <http://bap.truman.edu/Events/Eventsvita.htm>.

Financial Aid Reminder: April 1 is the filing deadline for Access Missouri funds. Apply soon for all available federal (including work-study, Perkins Loan, and SEOG) and state aid. The 2008-2009 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is available at <http://www.fafsa.ed.gov>. Contact the Financial Aid Office, McClain Hall 103, 785.4130, if you have any questions.

The Student Activities Board presents "A Liam Show" with Liam Sullivan at 7 p.m. April 2 in Baldwin Hall Auditorium. Admission is free with a student ID and is \$2 for general admission. Tickets are available at the SAB Office located on the lower level of the Student Union Building.

The Association of Black Collegians, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., and Sigma Lambda Gamma Sorority, Inc. are hosting the Spring Showcase Step and Dance Competition from 7-9 p.m. April 12 in Baldwin Auditorium. Greek teams will step against one another and dance teams will battle it out for prize money. Part of the proceeds go toward a philanthropy. General admission is \$5 and everyone is welcome to attend.

28 FRIDAY

Women's golf, Bulldog Classic
3 p.m.-**Baseball vs. Missouri Western, Baseball field**

29 SATURDAY

Women's golf, Bulldog Classic
10:30 a.m.-**Men's and women's track and field meet, Stokes Stadium**

1 p.m.-**Baseball vs. Missouri Western, Baseball field**

30 SUNDAY

noon-**Baseball vs. Missouri Western, Baseball field**

Swimming Reception

The Athletic Department will host a reception in honor of the women's swimming team seventh national championship.

Cake and punch will be served from 3:30-5:30 p.m. March 26 in the Student Union Building Down Under.



PICKLER MEMORIAL LIBRARY Business Source Premiere Database at the Library

Business Source Premiere is the industry's most used database with 2,300 full-text journals including 1,100 peer-reviewed business journals. This EBSCOHost database also has market research reports, industry reports, company profiles and SWOT analyses. Check by the Library Reference Desk to discover how to access this database.

Sales at the Truman Bookstore

Spring Fling 25 Percent Sale
Now through March 29, save 25 percent off T-shirts and hats at the Truman Bookstore (does not include Under Armour brand or children's sizes).

March is Women's History Month: Save 20 Percent on all Related Titles at the Truman Bookstore

Choose from titles including: "Anne Frank's Diary," "Our Bodies Ourselves," "The Feminine Mystique" and more.

Call 785.4211 with questions.