



Season 2006-2007

STAGE CENTER THEATRE

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Main Stage News

What are you going to audition for?

Our Spring 2007 Semester Production line-up...

The Actor's Nightmare by Christopher Durang

George wanders on stage and is told that Eddie had a car accident and he has to replace him in the show that evening. George isn't sure he's an actor and no one seems to know what the play is. George finds himself in the middle of three different plays that seem to happen in rotation but in the end fantasy gives way to reality.

Proof by David Auburn

"On the eve of her twenty-fifth birthday, Catherine, a troubled young woman, has spent years caring for her brilliant but unstable father, a famous mathematician. Now, following his death, she must deal with her own volatile emotions; the arrival of her estranged sister, Claire; and the attentions of Hal, a former student of her father's who hopes to find valuable work in the 103 notebooks that her father left behind. Over the long weekend that follows, a burgeoning romance and the discovery of a mysterious notebook draw Catherine into the most difficult problem of all: How much of her father's madness-or genius-will she inherit?" (Dramatists Play Service, Inc. Catalog)

Fitting Rooms by Susan Cinoman

Susan Cinoman's *Fitting Rooms* looks at women's relationships in the context of a boutique fitting room. Conversations mirror the activity of trying on clothes as three pairs of women engage in self-discovery.

The Mineola Twins by Paula Vogel

"...floating above the ostensible story of twin sisters who take opposite paths in life is an allegory of the last half century of our crazed and splintering socio-politics, while deep down are hints of a buried prototype...one of those '50s teen chick-exploitation flicks contrasting a "good" and a "bad" girl...Vogel succeeds in creating an event that's at once frothily light and almost bewilderingly dense...one-liners are dropped casually in and left to detonate, key bits of narrative are elliptically jumped over. Between trying to catch the jokes as they whiz by and filling in the data blanks, you get an effect like that of anti-intellectually provocative video game: the effort it takes is repaid by the fun you have keeping up with it." (Village Voice)

Gary Grinklie's Battles With Wrinkles and Other Troubles in Mudgeville by Stefan Graves Lanfer

In most towns you can meet people in public places. But in Mudgeville you can't meet anyone at any of these places. Mudgeville is an unusual town, where fears-big and small, real and imagined-keep everyone hidden away in their homes.

(grades 1-4)

Call Kat Matassarini at (773) 442-5973 to schedule a performance for your school group.

Don't Miss

The Birthday Party

Remaining Dates:

December 2, 7-9, 14-16 @ 7:30 p.m.

The Birthday Party

Cast:

Petey.....Chris Leonard
Meg.....Kara Ewinger
Stanley.....Marshall Brown
Lulu.....Stephanie Wyatt
Goldberg.....Patrick Garone
McCann.....Frank Past

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Auditions for Spring!!!!!!!

Jan. 16th 1:40-3:00 p.m.

& 6:00-9:00 p.m.

Jan. 17th 6:00-9:00 p.m.

The Actor's Nightmare

February 13 & 15 @

1:40 & 7:30 p.m.

Proof

February 22-24 &

March 1-3 @ 7:30 p.m.

Fitting Rooms

April 10 & 12 @

1:40 & 7:30 p.m.

The Mineola Twins

April 19-21, 26-28 &

May 3-5 @ 7:30 p.m.



Suzan-Lori Parks wrote a play a day for an entire year. Now, each week for an entire year, a different Chicagoland theater company will mount seven of these world premiere short plays as part of the nationwide 365 Days/365 Plays Festival. Please check out www.365chicago.org (365 flyer, 2006)

Call the stage center box office for reservations 773.442.4274 Tickets are free for all NEIU faculty, staff, and students

Chicago

American Theater Company
It's a Wonderful Life: A Live Radio Play
Opens 12/4 runs through 12/31 at American Theater Company at 1909 W. Byron. 773.929.1031
www.actweb.org

Apple Tree Theatre
Mountain
Runs through 12/17 at Karger Center in Highland Park. 847.432.4335
www.appletreetheatre.com

Steppenwolf Theatre Company
Sonia Flew
Runs through 2/4/07 at Steppenwolf Theatre space. 312.335.1650
www.steppenwolf.org

Brown Couch Theatre Company
Happy End
Runs through 12/30 at the Raven Theatre. 312.409.2010
www.browncouchtheatre.org

ETA Creative Arts Foundation
Heat
Runs through 1/21/07 at ETA Creative Arts Foundation on Chicago's south side. 773.752.3955
www.etacreativearts.org

Gorilla Tango Theatre
An American Carol
Runs through 12/16 at Gorilla Tango Theatre. 773.598.4549
www.gorillatango.com

500 Clown
500 Clown Christmas
Runs through 1/6/07 at Storefront Theatre. 312.742.8497
www.500clown.com

Barrel of Monkeys
That's Weird, Grandma
Open run @ The Neo-Futurists

London

Criterion Theatre
'The 39 Steps'
Runs until 1/13/07
www.londontheatretickerweb.co.uk/the_39steps.htm

Comedy Theatre
Donkeys' Years
Runs until 12/16/06
www.londontheatre.co.uk

Gielgud Theatre
Frost/Nixon
At The Donmar Warehouse
Runs until 3/2/07
www.donmarwarehouse.com

Garrick Theatre
Amy's View
Produced by Theatre Royal Bath
Runs until 3/17/07
www.londontheatre.co.uk

Haymarket Theatre
Six Dance Lessons in Six Weeks
Open Run
www.sixdancelessons.co.uk/home/index.php

Lyric Theatre
Cabaret
Runs until 4/7/07
www.viewlondon.co.uk/cabaret-tickets.html

Novello Theatre
Much Ado About Nothing
Runs until 1/6/07
www.viewlondon.co.uk/Much-Ado-About-Nothing-tickets.html

New York

Off -Broadway

Classic Stage Company
A Spanish Play
Opens 1/10/07, runs through 2/18/07 at Classic Stage Company Theater 212.352.3101 or 866.411.4111
Classicstage.org

HERE Arts Center
The Fortune Teller a marionette play
Runs until 12/22/06
212.352.3101

St. Luke's Theatre
25 Questions For a Jewish Mother
Open Run
212.239.6200 or 800.432.7250

Triad Theatre
Bush is Bad
Runs until 12/30/06
212.279.4200 or 212.222.7436

Symphony Space
The Christmas Revels
Runs until 12/10/06
212.864.5100

Gotham Stage
Becoming Adele
Runs from 12/20/06 through 1/6/07 at the Clurman Theater.
212.279.4200

New World Stages
Evil Dead: The Musical
Open Run
212.239.6200 or 800.432.7250

Playwrights Horizons
Floyd and Clea Under the Western Sky
Runs 12/5/06-12/17/06
212.279.4200

Master Mask Maker in Chicago: Holiday break and no time for art?

Jeff Summerling is a master mask maker with twenty-four years of experience. The Inside Out Art Studio is a quaint storefront located at Montrose and Damen on Chicago's north side. Summerling is one of the few instructors in the world who teaches mask making. His studio is also reminiscent of a gallery, the walls are covered with masks which are also available for purchase. The Inside Out Art Studio was founded in 2003 by Jeff, his wife Donna Lurie Semmerling, and several partners. Their goal is "promoting artful living." You can find the studio at 2005 W. Montrose Ave. 773.697.5012, or visit their website at www.maskartists.com.

