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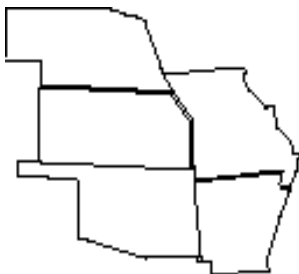
AMERICA SECTION

Welcome to my first HOA Newsletter.

EDITOR'S CORNER

I took this job because Jeannie Wilkerson would not serve another term as President if it stayed on her desk. With this issue I have exhausted my repertoire of humor (lame as it is), the announcement about the HOA Travel Grant for student technicians and a story about the rigging seminar this summer. I've also included the seasons of many schools and LORT Theatres in the HOA region.

I'm very interested in finding information and events to fill this space. Please try to find time to get me material for a "Winter" newsletter. Speak to your students about HOA's Travel Grant. Communicate with our Programming Chairs about a meeting this winter and/or at the KCACTF meeting Jan 21-25 at Northern Iowa University. This is our region and while we are all busy we can share and all benefit.



RIGGING SEMINAR

Lied Center, Lincoln Nebraska

Contributed by Anthony Perry

On July 18, 2002 the Lied Center in Lincoln Nebraska, hosted a rigging seminar with Jay Glerum the author of the *Stage Rigging Handbook*. Mr. Glerum gave us some of the knowledge that he has gained over his long and stellar career.

Glerum stressed knowing the load limits, not only for the grid and fly systems but also for the entire support structure over the theatre's stage area. He also talked about stresses on the equipment such as side loads, e.g. when a 250lb. person jumps or pulls himself up onto the lock rail to help pull in a line-set. He is placing all of his weight on the arbor rod or rope creating a 250lb. side load in addition to the brick and pipe weights. Jay explained that this additional stress could cause an arbor rod to bend or worse yet cause a wire rope to break.

A large part of the seminar was spent emphasizing the inspection of rigging hardware for a client. As an example he ran a video from a Seattle, Wa. newscast in which the Butu Dance Theatre Company was in town to perform Sankai Juku. They were doing a mid-day publicity performance in which 2 of their dancers were to repel from the top of a six-story build tied off at their feet. With a large crowd of people looking on, the performance started and all seemed well, when with no warning, one of the hemp repelling lines broke and one of the dancers fell to his death. Jay was hired to find out what went wrong and he found that the company asked the producers to find several hundred feet of hemp rope and they would take care of inspecting the rope and rigging gear. Apparently they did inspect the ropes, with a 50lb. sand bag, but each dancer was 100lb. plus. He also found that the rope had been purchased from a junkyard and had been used around acid. Needless to say the lack of a proper safety inspection can cost you more then the price of replacing equipment.

WIN A FREE TRIP TO MINNEAPOLIS USITT NATIONAL CONFERENCE

19-23 March 2002*

*USITT Heart Of America Section offers

TWO \$500 Theatre Production Student Travel Grants.

Grant money may be used for travel to and from Minneapolis and / or conference fees or lodging. Travel Grants may be awarded to not more than one Graduate and one Undergraduate student, currently enrolled in an accredited theatre program within the HOA region boundaries (Arkansas, Oklahoma, Missouri, Kansas, and Nebraska) at the time of application. Applicants need not be current members of USITT (conference registration for non-members includes one year USITT membership.)

Grants are awarded to students who have demonstrated excellence and dedication in Theatre Production. Areas include, but are not limited to: costume, set or properties construction, sound engineering, lighting technology, rigging, stage management, or run crew management. **This is not a design award!** There are design awards available elsewhere, these awards are limited to Theatre Production. If a particular design incorporates techniques not normally used or uniquely applied, it may still be eligible.

Applicants will submit:

1. Letter of application
2. Letter of nomination from their supervising faculty member
3. Documentation of current enrollment in accredited theatre program within the HOA region boundaries
4. One page theatre resume
5. One - two page description of involvement in a particular theatre production project completed within the last 18 months, plus documentation (photographs, draftings, cue sheets, etc.) Applications are judged on quality not quantity..
6. Recipients are expected to give a brief (15 minute) presentation at the HOA section meeting during the Minneapolis conference.

Send applications to:

HOA / USITT Theatre Production Travel Grants
C/O Mark Putman Theatre & Dance Department, Craig 355
Southwest Missouri State University
901 S. National Ave.
Springfield, MO 65804

Applications will be accepted until 5:00 PM Friday 15 November 2002

Recipients will be notified by 6 December, 2002.

If you would like materials returned to you, you must include self-addressed packaging with sufficient postage.

<http://www.theatreanddance.smsu.edu/HOA>

USITT HEART OF AMERICA SECTION

Kennedy Center

American College Theatre Festival Region V

(Region V includes parts of both USITT Heart Of America and Northern Boundry Sections)

Design/Tech/Production Competitions

David L. Thayer Lighting Design Workshop/Awards

Barbizon Award for Excellence in Theatrical Design (scenery, lighting, costumes)

Regional Design Exposition (scenery, lighting, costumes, sound, stage management, graphics)

Mehron Makeup Exhibit and Award

Tech Expo Rules and Information:

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Online Entry Form and additional rules and information:

<http://www.kcactf5.org/DesignTech%20Categories/TechDesignLinksPage.htm>

I never have time to see shows at other places but find it fascinating to see what everyone is doing. The Larime Project, Into The Woods and Pippin at four places, A Funny Thing Happened On The Way To The Forum and The Shape Of Things at three places. Lots of scripts are at two places. There are eleven productions of Shakespeare. Twenty-seven musicals at forty-seven separate venues. This doesn't include the road houses nor the "semi-professional" venues. If your events are not listed, I apologize, I'm sure I've missed some of note.

What's Playing In HOA?

Arkansas

Arkansas State University, Jonesboro

The Fantasticks Oct 4-12

The Elephant Man Nov. 20-23

Henderson State University, Arkadelphia

Nunsense Jamboree Oct 10-13

American Buffalo Nov 14-16

One Act Festival Dec 9

The Comedy of Errors Feb 20-24

Dinner Theatre April 10-13

HSU Dance April 22-23

Southern Arkansas University, Magnolia

Two Rooms Oct 1-3

University Of Arkansas, Fayetteville

A Streetcar Named Desire Oct 4-6, 9-13

The Winter's Tale Nov 15-17, 20-24

Private Lives Jan 31-Feb 2, 5-9

The Laramie Project Mar 5-9

Tommy April 18-20, 23-27

University Of Central Arkansas, Conway

Into The Woods Sept 4-6

The Shape of Things Oct 21-26

Beanie & the Bamboozling Book Machine Dec 5-7

A Little Night Music April 10-12

Festival of One Acts April 21-24

What's Playing In HOA?

Kansas

Baker University, Baldwin City

The Trojan Women Nov 7-9, 14-16

Pippin Feb 27-Mar 1, 6-8, April 10, 11-12, 17-19

Darby Hope April 3-5, 10, 12

Emporia State University, Emporia

Cabaret Oct 24-27

Laughter On The 23RD Floor Dec 4-7

The Laramie Project Feb 26-Mar 1

The Servant Of Two Masters Apr 30-May 3

Fort Hays State University, Hays

Your A Good Man, Charlie Brown Oct 4-6, 11-13,
Nov 21-24

The Movie Game Feb 27-Mar 2

TBA April 24-27

Kansas State University, Manhattan

Art Oct 3-5, 9-12

Sweet Charity Nov 7-9

Winter Dance Nov 21-23

Private Eyes Feb 13-15, 19-22

The Merry Wives of Windsor Mar 6-8

Spring Dance April 4-5

The Skin Of Our Teeth April 24-26, 31-May 3

Kansas Wesleyan University, Salina

Gaslight Nov 7-10

Pittsburg State University, Pittsburg

All My Sons Oct 17-19

One Acts Dec 6-7

The Dining Room Mar 6-9

TBA, Advanced Performance Class April 24-26

Southwestern College, Winfield

University Sept 26-27

Nine Lives Oct 18

Ansestral Voices Oct 19

Little Shop Of Horrors Nov 7-9

University Of Kansas, Lawrence

Two Gentlemen Of Verona Oct 4-6, 10-12

You Never Can Tell Nov 22-24, Dec 5-7

The Royal Family Feb 28-Mar 2, 6-8

The Magic Flute April 26-27, May 1-4

Where To, Turelu Nov 4-8, 10

Jungalbook Feb 3-5, 9-11

Iphingenia At Aulis Oct 24-27, 29-Nov 2

The Dying Gaul Feb 12-16

The 10 Minute Play Festival April 1-6

Wichita State University, Wichita

Anton In Show Business Oct 3-6

Into The Woods Oct 17-20

Edible Shoes Nov 7-10

Hansel And Gretel Nov 30 -Dec 1

The Crucible Dec 5-8

Stop Kiss Feb 20-23

Personals Mar 6-9

The Secret Garden Mar 13-16

Translations April 17-20

The Vampire April 24-27

The Bald Soprano and Nice People Dancing

To Good Country Music May 1-4

Humorous Punishment

Two cannibals are eating a clown. One says to the other "Does this taste funny to you?"

A sandwich walks into a bar. The barman says "Sorry we don't serve food in here."

Dyslexic man walks into a bra....

A man walks into a bar with a roll of tarmac under his arm and says "Pint please, and one for the road."

Two hydrogen atoms walk into a bar. One says, "I think I've lost an electron." The other says, "Are you sure?"

The first replies, "Yes, I'm positive...".

I went to buy some camouflage trousers the other day but I couldn't find any.

My friend drowned in a bowl of muesli. He was pulled in by a strong currant.

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Missouri **What's Playing In HOA?**

Central Missouri State University, Warrensburg

Tales With Tails: Legends of Coyote Sept 27-28

Fiddler On The Roof Oct 9-13

Plaza Suite & California Suite Nov 1, 2, 4, 5

Fuddy Meers Dec 3-7

The Dining Room Feb 3, 4

Mrs. Warren's Profession Feb 18-22

Six Characters In Search Of An Author Apr 1-5

Marcus Is Walking April 28-29

Drury University, Springfield

Picasso At The Lapine Agile Sept 26-28, Oct 3-5

Missouri Southern State College, Joplin

Down The Road Sept 17-21

The Birthday Party Oct 15-19

Rakshasa's Ring Nov 13-16

Twas The Night Before Christmas Dec 7-8

The Laramie Project Jan 21-25

Free To Be... You And Me Feb 22-23

Evening Of One Acts April 16-19

Northwest Missouri State University, Maryville

Freshman/Transfer Showcase Sept 27-30

The Complete Works Of William Shakespeare

(Abridged) Oct 11-12

Medea Nov 8-11

A Tale Of Tails Dec 9

Love Letters Jan 31

The Diary Of Anne Frank Feb 7-8

The Boyfriend Mar 7-9

The Last Of The Red Hot Lovers Mar 21

Parallel Lives April 11-12

Pop Justice and Lives On Hiatus April 18

Rockhurst University, Kansas City

Top Girls Oct 3-6

Valparaiso Nov 14-17

Time Flies Feb 27-Mar 2

TheatreWorks April 24-25

Saint Louis University, St. Louis

Crimes Of The Heart Sept 27-29, Oct 4-5

The Heiress Nov 8-10, 15-16

Nunsense Feb 14-16, 20-22

God's Country April 4-6, 11-12

Southeast Missouri State University, Cape Gerardeau

Sainte-Carmen Of The Main Sept 27, 28, Oct 3-6

Don't Dress For Dinner Nov 8, 9, 14-17

Zaum: Beyond Significance Dec 6, 7

A Funny Thing Happened On The Way To

The Forum Feb 25-Mar 2

The Diviners April 30-May 4

SiteWorks May 8-10

Southwest Missouri State University, Springfield

Weird Romance Sept 19-22

Translations Oct 17-20

A Toby Show Nov 7-13

Impulse Nov 21-24

Crazy For You Feb 28-Mar 2

Ti Jean April 10-13

Transformations In Time May 1-4

Stephens College,

The Rimers Of Eldritch Sept 20-22, 25-28

Sunday On The Rocks Oct 2-5

Fiddler On The Roof Oct 25-27, Oct 30-Nov 2

The Fanlights Nov 13-16

A Christmas Carol Dec 6-8, 11-14

Tartuffe Feb 7-9, 12-15

The House Of Yes Feb 19-22

An American Daughter Mar 7-9, 12-15

Two Evenings Of One Acts April 16-19

Anything Goes May 2-4, 7-9

Dance Senior Recital Dec 13, 14

Repertory Dance Spring Concert April 2-5

New Works April 25, 26

Truman State University, Kirksville

Arcadia Oct 8-12

Fall Lab Show Oct 30-Nov 2

A Christmas Carol Nov 19-23

Cat On A Hot Tin Roof Feb 18-23

Spring Lab Show Mar 26-29

Lysistrata April 8-12

University Of Missouri, Columbia

Trash, Truckers, and Parents Sept 5-8

Sept 14 in NYC

A Funny Thing Happened On The Way To

The Forum Oct 8-13

Survival Dance Oct 24-26, 31, Nov 3

Mizzou New Plays Nov 14-17, April 10-13

Anton In Show Business Nov 19-21, Dec 5-8

University Of Missouri, Continued

What's Playing In HOA?

Flying Solo and Changing Gears Feb 6-8,13-16
Much Ado About Nothing Feb 25-March 2
For Colored Girls Who Have Considered Suicide
When The Rainbow Is Enuf Mar 13-18
Corps Of Discovery, A Musical Journey May 2-4
University Of Missouri, Kansas City
Polariod Stories Sept 25-29, Oct 3-6
The Misanthrope Oct 9-13
Antigone Oct 30-Nov 3
Leaves From The Great Bharata Dec 4-8, 12-15
Hot L Baltimore Feb 12-16, 20-22
Undergraduate Production TBA Feb 28-Mar 2
Dancing At Lughnasa Mar 27-30, April 3-6
Macbeth April 9-13
One Acts May 8-10
Washington University, St. Louis
Dance Closeup Sept 5-7
Once In A Lifetime Oct 25-27, Nov 1-3
Shooting Magda Nov 21-24
University Dance Dec 6-8
The Woods Jan 23-26
Psalms Of A Questionable Nature Feb 20-23
All's Well That Ends Well Mar 28-30, Apr 4-6
Big Love April 24-27
Webster University, St. Louis
The Importance Of Being Earnest Sept 25-29,
Oct 2-6
Original One Acts Oct 30-Nov 3, Nov 6-10
Pippin Nov 22-26
Violet Feb 19-23, Feb 26-Mar 3
The Laramie Project and On The Verge Mar 26-30
April 2-6
Two Rockin' Gents April 25-30

Webster University Dance Ensemble May 2-4
William Woods University, Fulton
Grease Oct 18-20, 25-26
Harvey Dec 5-8
Blood Relations Feb 21-23, Feb 28-Mar 1
Faith County April 25-27, May 2-3

LORT Theatres

Arkansas Repertory Theatre, Little Rock

Proof Sept 6-22
My Way Oct 11-Nov 10
Annie Dec 6-Jan 5
The Piano Lesson Jan 31-Feb 23
Friends Like These Mar 14-30
Gypsy Jun 6-29

Missouri Repertory Theatre, Kansas City

Incognito Sept 12-29
Saint Joan Oct 25-Nov 17
A Christmas Carol Nov 23-Dec 28
Guys And Dolls Jan 24-Feb
2 Pianos, 4 Hands June 13-29

Repertory Theatre Of St. Louis

A Flea In Her Ear Sept 11-Oct 11
Ah, Wilderness Oct 16-Nov 15
The Shape Of Things Oct 30-Nov 17
Anything Goes Dec 4-Jan 3
Copenhagen Jan 8-Feb 7
The Drawer Boy Jan 22-Feb 9
Bee-luther-hatchee Feb 12-Mar 14
The Gamester Mar 19-April 18
The Syringa Tree Mar 26-April 13

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What's Playing In HOA?

Nebraska

Chadron State College, Chadron

The Good Doctor Nov 15-18

To Gillian On Her 37th Birthday Feb 7-10

On The Verge April 18-21

Creighton, Omaha

Who Life Is It Anyway? Oct 3-6, 10-12

Dance Nov 14-17

The Taming Of The Shrew Feb 27-Mar 2, 6-8

Doane, Crete

Tartuffe Oct 2-5

As Bees In Honey Drown Nov 13-16

Rachel's Christmas Show Nov 20-23

New Play Reading Festival Feb 5-6

Harvey Mar 12-19

One Acts May 7-10

Nebraska Wesleyan University, Omaha

Fefu And Her Friends Sept 5-8

Joseph And The Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat
Sept 27-29, Oct 3-5

True West Nov 1-3, 7-9

Festival Of One Acts Nov 24-25

University Of Nebraska, Lincoln

The Way Of The World Oct 17-19, 23-26

The Shape Of Things Nov 7, 8, 13-16

A Christmas Carol Dec 12-14

Floyd Collins Feb 26-Mar 2

Macbeth April 17-19, 23-26

Dark Of The Moon Sept 26-28

Galileo Oct 31-Nov 2

The Misanthrope Dec 5-7

University Of Nebraska, Omaha

A Streetcar Named Desire Oct 10-12, 16-19

Angels In America Part 1 Nov 21-23, Dec 4-7

The Bakkhai Feb 27-Mar 1, 5-8

Noises Off April 17-19, 23-26

Oklahoma

Northwest State University, Tahlequah

Twilight Sept 18-22

Legend Of Sleepy Hollow Oct 24-25

Barefoot In The Park Nov 20-23

Grease Feb 12-15

A Children's Musical TBA Feb

Baby With The Bathwater April 16-19

Oklahoma State University, Stillwater

Kind Ness Sept 25-29

Hay Fever Nov 19-24

Two Gentlemen Of Verona Feb 26-Mar 1

The Mikado April 23-27

University Of Oklahoma, Norman

Rumors Sept 26-29, Oct 3-6

A Little Night Music Oct 25-27, Oct 31-Nov 3

Antigone Nov 14-17, 21-24

Pterodactyls Feb 13-16, 20-23

Cabaret April 3-6, 10-13

The Philadelphia Story April 24-27, May 1-4

University Of Tulsa, Tulsa

Electra Oct 9-13

Rumble Fish Dec 3-8

Honk Feb 18-23

Crimes Of The Heart & True West (repertory) April
16-27

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