

February 5, 2007

OSU Department of Music to present first full scale opera this week

For the first time in the history of Oklahoma State University, the Department of Music will present a full-scale opera, *Suor Angelica* (Sister Angelica), on Friday and Saturday, Feb. 9 and 10, at 8 p.m. in the Seretean Center for Performing Arts Concert Hall. The one-act opera by Giacomo Puccini is set in a 17th century convent near Siena where the heroine, Angelica, was sent for punishment seven long years before, when her illegitimate son was taken from her. Angelica is told to renounce her inheritance. She takes action that testifies to her truly selfless nature. Tickets are \$7 general admission and will be sold at the door. There will be no advance reservations and seating is limited, so early arrival is highly recommended. For more information, call the OSU Music Department at (405) 744-4497.

OSU Art Department hosting world renowned visual artist's exhibit

The Oklahoma State University Art Department is hosting an extraordinary ceramic art exhibit by world renowned California artist Bean Finneran, which is free for the public to view through Feb. 16 in the Gardener Art Gallery at the OSU Bartlett Center for the Visual Arts. The Art Department will be welcoming the public to a reception for Finneran's art on Feb. 16 when she will give a presentation and lecture about her experiences in art. For more information, contact Ceramics Professor Brandon Reese by e-mail at brandon.reese@okstate.edu, or call the Gardiner Art Gallery at (405) 744-6016. More information about Bean Finneran can be found on her official website at www.beanfinneran.com <<http://www.beanfinneran.com/>>

"The Dream Alive Program" tonight

Former Colorado Lt. Gov. Joe Rogers will present "The Dream Alive Program: A Dedication to the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr." tonight (Monday, Feb. 5) at 6:30 in the Wes Watkins Center. The critically acclaimed program unites historic orations and contemporary perspective in tribute to King and leaders of the American civil rights movement. The event, sponsored by OSU's Division for Institutional Diversity and the OSU Multicultural Student Center, is free and open to the public. Rogers holds the distinction of serving as the nation's youngest lieutenant governor. He is also just the fourth African-American in U.S. history elected lieutenant governor of a state. For more details, click here <http://osu.okstate.edu/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=536&Itemid=90> .

Friends of Forms presentation today on the Internet and community relationships

Dr. Michael Stern will present "Is the Internet Strengthening or Weakening Our Community Relationships?" today (Monday, Feb. 5) at 3:30 p.m. in Student Union Case Study 1 (fourth floor). The Friends of the Forms lecture is free and open to the public.

OSU to host Darwin expert Michael Ruse tomorrow

Oklahoma State University will host Michael Ruse, one of the country's leading authorities on the history and philosophy of Darwinian evolutionary theory, Tuesday, Feb. 6, at 7 p.m. in the Wes Watkins Center. Ruse's lecture, titled "The Evolution/Creation Struggle: An American Story," is sponsored by the OSU Office of the President and the Philosophy and Zoology Departments. Ruse is a Lucyle T. Werkmeister Professor of Philosophy at Florida State University and a Fellow of both the Royal Society of Canada and the American Association for the Advancement of Science. He is the author of nearly 40 books.

Former Black Panther leader to speak at OSU

Bobby Seale, former chairman and co-founder of the Black Panther Party, USA, will speak about the group's history in a speech titled "Seize the Time" on Thursday, Feb. 8, at 7 p.m. in the Wes Watkins Center auditorium at Oklahoma State University. The OSU Speakers Board will sponsor the event. Tickets cost \$5 but are free to

students, staff and faculty with an OSU ID. Seale gained international recognition in 1969 as a defendant in the Chicago Eight conspiracy trial. For more information about this event, please call Morgan Pratt at (918) 671-2708.

Grammy nominated vocalist to perform

Luciana Souza, three-time Grammy nominated Latin jazz vocalist, will perform a concert featuring a variety of musical styles on Friday, Feb. 16, at 8 p.m. in the Seretean Center Concert Hall. Jazz and classical music, Brazilian native rhythms and poetry-based pieces will all be on tap from Souza, who received the “Female Singer of the Year, 2005” award from the Jazz Journalist Association. She has also performed as a soloist with both the Los Angeles and New York Philharmonic. Souza teaches at the Manhattan School of Music in New York City. For tickets: (405) 744-7400. For more information: (405) 744-7509.

“How to Keep your Pet’s Breath Fresh and Smile Bright”

...is the topic for the next community Pet Care Seminar, which will be presented by Dr. Paul DeMars tomorrow (Tuesday, Feb. 6) in McElroy Hall Auditorium starting at 7 p.m. Proper dental care involves both home care and at least a yearly oral exam by a veterinarian. Following the presentation, Dr. Lyndi Gilliam will demonstrate teeth brushing techniques on Zip, her Australian shepherd mix dog. Pet Care Seminars are open to the public. Parking, admission and light refreshments are complimentary. McElroy Hall is located at the corner of McFarland and Farm Road on the Stillwater campus. For additional information, contact the Continuing Education Office at (405) 744-7672.

Let’s talk about “The Joy Luck Club” tomorrow

Join the discussion as featured scholar Dr. Trisha Yarbrough offers an in-depth look at “The Joy Luck Club” by Amy Tan tomorrow (Tuesday, Feb. 6) from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in room 309 of the Stillwater Public Library. This is the third installment in the spring “Let’s Talk About It, Oklahoma” reading discussion program sponsored by the Friends of the OSU Library and Stillwater Public Library. Stop by the Public Library for a copy of the book and theme materials. Funding for the program is provided by a grant from the Oklahoma Humanities Council and the National Endowment for the Humanities. For more information, call (405) 744-7331.

Operatic superstar plans two appearances here

Universally acclaimed operatic baritone Sherrill Milnes will be visiting OSU on Feb. 15-16 for a presentation on arts advocacy and a masterclass for OSU Voice majors. His arts advocacy presentation is set for the Edmon Low Library Browsing Room on Thursday, Feb. 15, at 7 p.m. The masterclass for voice majors is scheduled for Willard Hall on Friday from 3:30 – 6 p.m. Both events are free and open to the public. Milnes is currently the John Evans Distinguished Professor of Music at Northwestern University. For more information, please contact Richard Novak, assistant professor of voice, at (405) 744-8986.

The role of sex in culture and society

The OSU Sexual Orientation Diversity Association will present “The History of Sex,” a look at sex and its role in culture and society throughout the ages with a special focus on sexual orientation and gender identity on Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. in 102 Classroom Building. This is a program in the SODA Sexual Health Series. For more information about the program, contact michael.cich@okstate.edu.

OSU Theater to present “Beautiful Child”

What are the limits of a parent’s love? How do we love someone who falls outside our moral code? Nicky Silver answers those questions in his dark and unsettling play Beautiful Child, which will be performed by the Oklahoma State University Department of Theater nightly from Feb. 7 through Feb. 10 at 7:30 p.m. and Feb. 11 at 2:30 p.m. in the Jerry L. Davis Studio Theater in Gunderson Hall. An embattled couple must make a terribly painful and magically restorative decision to deal with their adult son’s affair with an 8-year-old boy. Tickets are \$5 general admission and will be sold at the door. Due to adult themes, language and subject matter, no one

under 18 will be admitted. ID is required for entry. For more information, call the OSU Theatre Department at (405) 744-6094. Seating is very limited, no advanced reservations.

Valentine's Day fundraiser to benefit the Children's Miracle Network

The Oklahoma State University Chapter of Psi Chi, the National Honor Society in Psychology, is partnering with local businesses to raise money for the Children's Miracle Network. Businesses have donated prizes for a Valentine's week raffle. These include a bouquet of flowers donated by Colonial Florist, a box of chocolates donated by Wal-Mart, and dinner for two donated by Applebee's. The price of one raffle ticket is \$1; 10 tickets can be purchased for \$5. The drawing will be held on Monday, Feb. 12, at 4:30 p.m. You need not be present to win. For more information or to purchase tickets, contact Vanessa Brown, the Psi Chi Club president, Silvia Frutos (silvia.frutos@okstate.edu) or Shelia Kennison (shelia.kennison@okstate.edu), the club advisers. More information about the Children's Miracle Network can be found at: <http://www.childrensmiracletnetwork.org/> <<http://www.childrensmiracletnetwork.org/>> .

Who killed the electric car?

ECO-OSU will show the documentary, "Who Killed the Electric Car," Thursday, Feb. 15, 7 p.m., 106 Noble Research Center, OSU campus. The event is open to the public and a panel discussion will follow. "Who Killed the Electric Car" investigates the birth and death of the electric car, as well as the role of renewable energy and sustainable living in the future. For the complete spring 2007 ECO Film Project schedule and a description of each film, visit: www.orgs.okstate.edu/ecoosu/Film2.htm

Nominations sought for Student Employee of the Year

Do you have an outstanding student employee? Each spring, as part of National Student Employment Week, OSU chooses a Student Employee of the Year, someone who best embodies the contributions and achievements of students who work while attending college. Nomination materials and guidelines are available at www.okstate.edu/finaid/seoty <<http://www.okstate.edu/finaid/seoty>> . The nomination deadline is Friday, Feb. 9. Questions? Contact James Rupp, (405) 744-7056, james.rupp@okstate.edu.

A&S Student Council applications invited

Arts & Sciences Student Council is now taking applications for new members. Applications can be found at 060 Student Union or 202 Life Sciences East. Applications are due in 202 Life Sciences East by 4:30 on Wednesday, Feb. 7. Applicants selected for interviews will be notified by telephone by Friday, Feb. 9. Interviews will be Monday, Feb. 12. If you have any questions, please contact Nikki Howell at nikki.howell@okstate.edu or (405) 255-2485.

Wellness tip: Arthritis

For years, people with arthritis and related conditions were taught not to exercise. Today we have PACE (People with Arthritis Can Exercise) from the Arthritis Foundation. It uses gentle activities to help increase joint flexibility and range of motion. PACE also helps maintain muscle strength and increases overall stamina. Wellness tips are brought to you by the OSU Seretean Wellness Center, dedicated to making OSU the Healthiest Campus in America. For more information about services for students, faculty and staff, call 744-WELL (9355). .