

An ornate, oval-shaped frame, possibly made of metal or wood, is the central focus. It features intricate carvings of cherubs (putti) at the top, bottom, and sides, holding up the frame. The frame is surrounded by a dark, patterned background with a subtle floral or damask design.

Molière's The Learned Ladies

TRANSLATION BY RICHARD WILBUR
DIRECTED BY JACK ROWE

APRIL 19-22 | SCENE DOCK THEATRE

USC School
of Theatre

SPRING 2012 SCHEDULE

THE M.F.A. ACTING SPRING REPERTORY*

Feb. 4 – March 4 / Scene Dock Theatre

THE CHERRY ORCHARD

By Anton Chekhov
Translated by Sharon Marie Carnicke
Directed by Kate Burton

THE TEMPEST

By William Shakespeare
Directed by David Bridel

FORTUNE IS A WOMAN

By Oliver Mayer
Directed by Andrew J. Robinson

JAMES JOYCE'S THE DEAD

Book by Richard Nelson
Music by Shaun Davey
Lyrics by Richard Nelson & Shaun Davey
Directed by Stephanie Shroyer
Feb. 23 – 26 / McClintock Theatre

A MIDSUMMER SATURDAY NIGHT'S FEVER DREAM / COMMEDIA

Directed by Matt Walker
March 1 – 4 / Bing Theatre

STRIKE-SLIP

By Naomi Iizuka
Directed by Tamara Ruppart
March 29 – April 1 / Scene Dock Theatre

CITY OF ANGELS

Book by Larry Gelbart
Music by Cy Coleman
Lyrics by David Zippel
Directed by John Rubinstein
March 29 – April 7 / Bing Theatre

VIEUX CARRÉ

By Tennessee Williams
Directed by Brian Parsons & Doug Tompos
April 5 – 8 / McClintock Theatre

Ticket Information

SHOWTIMES (except where noted otherwise)

Thu. & Fri. at 7pm • Sat. at 2:30 & 8pm • Sun. at 2:30pm

*Please see website below for performance schedule

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NEW WORKS FESTIVAL YEAR TWO THE M.F.A. IN DRAMATIC WRITING PLAYWRIGHTS WORKSHOP*

April 6 – 22 / Massman Theatre

FORGET SEX

By Madhuri Shekar
Directed by Chris Fields

ONE MAN'S TRASH

By Zury Margarita Ruiz
Directed by Lui Sánchez

THE SOLACE OF ST. MARK'S

By Megan Kelly
Directed by Don Boughton

WHAT WE'RE UP AGAINST and other short plays

By Theresa Rebeck
Directed by L. Zane
April 19 – 22 / McClintock Theatre

MOLIÈRE'S THE LEARNED LADIES

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URBAN TALES: A DANCE CONCERT*

Directed by Nikos Lagousakos
April 26 & 27 / Bing Theatre

NEW WORKS FESTIVAL YEAR THREE THE MASTER OF FINE ARTS PLAY PROJECT*

May 21 – 27 / McClintock Theatre

MAY / DECEMBER

By Caroline Adan
Directed by Abigail Deser

MR. FREAKIN' PERFECT

By Kevin King
Directed by Nancy Keystone

THE FORRESTER PERIOD

By Kirsia Rein
Directed by Robert Egan

THE CULBERTSON METHOD

By Rachel Skytt
Directed by Larissa Kokernot



THE USC SCHOOL OF THEATRE

presents

Molière's The Learned Ladies

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with

Suleyman Bilen • Kyle Marie Colucci • Alex Diehl

Jennica Hill • Vanessa Hill • Rose Leisner • Joey Millin • Ian Newman

Grady Northrop • Peter Rosemeyer • Leanna Spear

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DIRECTED BY

Jack Rowe

April 19 – 22, 2012

Scene Dock Theatre

Presented by special arrangement with Dramatists Play Service, Inc., New York.

CAST OF CHARACTERS

(in order of appearance)

Armande..... Kyle Marie Colucci
Henriette..... Jennica Hill
Clitandre..... Peter Rosemeyer
Bêlise..... Vanessa Hill
Ariste..... Alex Diehl
Chrysale..... Ian Newman
Martine..... Leanna Spear
Philaminte..... Rose Leisner
Lêpine/Julien/Notary..... Grady Northrop
Trissotin..... Suleyman Bilen
Vadius..... Joey Millin

TIME
1673

PLACE
Chrysale’s house in Paris.

There will be one 15-minute intermission.

PRODUCTION STAFF

Vocal Coach..... Kathleen S. Dunn
Fight Choreography..... Edgar Landa
Scenic Artist..... Vika Teplinskaya
Assistant Stage Manager..... Simona Kessler
Assistant Scenic Design..... Ashley Koenig
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Michael Malconian, Megan Mountford,
Carolyn Windler

DIRECTOR'S BIO

Jack Rowe is an Associate Dean and Artistic Director of the School of Theatre. He also teaches classes in the M.F.A., B.F.A. and B.A. programs and directs productions. His first theatre experiences were as an undergraduate at USC, where he majored in Economics. He was a founding member of the Company Theatre, a Los Angeles-based avant-garde collective of the late 1960s. He continues to direct in the L.A. theatre scene when time allows.

DIRECTOR'S NOTE

Molière (Jean-Baptiste Poquelin) wrote *The Learned Ladies* in 1672. One of his last works, it has remained one of his most popular. It is a satire on academic pretension, misused education and preciousness. As usual, Molière aimed his satire at the upper echelon of society, showing the foolishness and selfishness of an indulgent class. He, in essence, held up a mirror to the audience and, while they were laughing and wondering “who behaves like that?,” they began to see their own reflections and discovered they were not so attractive. It is my belief that all modern comedies can trace their roots back to Molière and that it is wonderfully challenging and rewarding material to undertake in a student setting. Just take a look at any sitcom and you will see the ghost of Molière behind the scenes. And finally, remember that Molière’s work, while being hysterically funny, is deadly serious.

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