

# **SPRING 2011 SCHEDULE**

THE M.F.A. ACTING SPRING REPERTORY\* Feb. 5 – Mar. 6 / Scene Dock Theatre

THREE SISTERS By Anton Chekhov Directed by Kate Burton

FORGET MY NAME By the M.F.A. in Acting 3 Class Conceived & Directed by David Bridel

TWELFTH NIGHT By William Shakespeare Directed by Andrew J. Robinson

#### ANNA KARENINA

By Leo Tolstoy Adapted by Helen Edmundson Directed by Dan Bonnell Mar. 3 – 6 / Bing Theatre

#### **BALM IN GILEAD**

By Lanford Wilson Directed by Stephanie Shroyer Mar. 3 – 6 / McClintock Theatre

### THE HOUSE OF BERNARDA ALBA

By Federico Garcia Lorca Adapted by Chay Yew Directed by Jack Rowe Mar. 31 – Apr. 3 / Scene Dock Theatre

#### **ON THE TOWN\***

Music by Leonard Bernstein Book and Lyrics by Betty Comden and Adolph Green Directed by John Rubinstein Mar. 31 – Apr. 10 / Bing Theatre

#### THE GREEN BIRD

By Carlo Gozzi Adapted by David Bridel Directed by Debbie McMahon Apr. 7 – 10 / McClintock Theatre NEW WORKS FESTIVAL YEAR TWO THE M.F.A. IN DRAMATIC WRITING PLAYWRIGHTS WORKSHOP\* Apr. 8 – 24 / Massman Theatre

WIND RIVER By Kirsa Rein Directed by Robert Bailey

THE BEARDED GIRL By Rachel Skytt Directed by Jon Lawrence Rivera

THE QUIET OF THE STORM By Caroline Adan Directed by Laural Meade

#### MOTHER COURAGE AND HER CHILDREN

By Bertolt Brecht A new version by David Hare Directed by L. Zane Apr. 21 – 24 / McClintock Theatre

NAGA-MANDALA By Girish Karnad Directed by Gregg T. Daniel Apr. 21 – 24 / Scene Dock Theatre

DANCE CONCERT SPRING DANCE MIGRATION\* Directed by Angel Papadakis Apr. 28 & 29 / Bing Theatre

NEW WORKS FESTIVAL YEAR THREE THE MASTER OF FINE ARTS PLAY PROJECT\* May 23 – 27 / McClintock Theatre

THE BLUE HOUR By Cort Brinkerhoff

I CHANGED MY MIND, I'M FINE By Stephanie Swirsky



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

#### TICKET PRICES

PLAYS: General Admission \$10 • Seniors or USC Faculty/Staff with ID \$8 • USC Students with ID \$5 MUSICALS: General Admission \$15 • Seniors or USC Faculty/Staff with ID \$10 • USC Students with ID \$6 NEW WORKS FESTIVAL YEAR TWO: All tickets \$5

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with

Lisa Hori-Garcia • Kyle Gundlach • Arthur Keng Shirley Norman • Joe Orrach • Pete Ploszek Curtis Scott • Evan Lewis Smith • Lindsay Weisberg Kate Williams • David Zurak

SCENIC DESIGN Esther Lee COSTUME DESIGN Sarah Schuessler LIGHTING DESIGN

sound design Kelsi Halverson stage manager Rebecca Suzuki

DIRECTED BY Debbie McMahon

April 7 – 10, 2011 McClintock Theatre

## **CAST OF CHARACTERS**

(In Order of Appearance)

| Brighella        | Curtis Scott                                   |
|------------------|--|
| Pantalone        | Arthur Keng                                    |
| Smeraldina       | Lisa Hori-Garcia                               |
| Truffaldino      | Evan Lewis Smith                               |
| Barbarina        | Lindsay Weisberg                               |
| Renzo            | Pete Ploszek                                   |
| The Green Bird   | Joe Orrach                                     |
| Ninetta          | Kate Williams                                  |
| Calmon           | Joe Orrach                                     |
| Tartaglia, SFX   | Kyle Gundlach                                  |
| Tartagliona      | David Zurak                                    |
| Zannis           | Arthur Keng<br>Shirley Norman<br>Kate Williams |
| Pompea           | Shirley Norman                                 |
| Serpentina       | Kate Williams                                  |
| Queen of Statues | Shirley Norman                                 |
| Rabbit Puppeteer | Zachary Tatum-Nolan<br>(outside artist to USC) |

### PLACE

The Country of Monterotondo: a butcher shop, the sewer, a beach, the Royal Palace of Monterotondo, a magically appearing mansion, Serpentina's ice grotto, a desert, the Wizard's mountain lair.

There will be one fifteen-minute intermission.

### WARNING

Please be advised that this production contains mature language.

### **PRODUCTION STAFF**

| Choreography              | David Zurak  |
|---------------------------|--|
| Fight Choreography        | Edgar Landa  |
| Magic Carpet Prop Design  | Chris Bell   |
| Scenic Artist             | Kimberly Lyons   |
| Assistant Stage Manager   | Sean Saleh   |
| Assistant Scenic Design   | Michelle Cahn  |
| Assistant Costume Design  | Berfin Ataman  |
| Assistant Lighting Design | David Hernandez  |
| Properties Coordinator    | Kelly Ridder   |
| Properties Shopper        | Sarah Krainin  |
| Crew                      | Glenn Andrew<br>Matt Brown<br>Bridget Hellige<br>Hayley Hirsch<br>Sarah M Powell<br>Lindsay Strongin |

### **DIRECTOR'S BIO**

Debbie McMahon earned her M.A. at NYU in Performance Studies and studied physical actor-created theatre at Dell'Arte. As artistic director of her own company, Grand Guignolers (www.grandguignolers.com), she creates, directs and performs in critically acclaimed sold out shows blending traditional genres: commedia dell'arte, clown, melodrama, Grand Guignol, dance, and puppetry, all in a 1920s Parisian event-like atmosphere. She also clowns for Cirque du Soleil promoting their upcoming *Iris* at the Kodak Theatre.

### A NOTE FROM PANTALONE

Monterotondrians & Visitors,

King Tartaglia returns from the will-it-ever-stop war with the Terradombrians. Cat's a headcase: speech impedi...you know, PTSD, wife Ninetta sent to her death in a sewer. *That*'s gotta hurt. Course we'll miss the f-d up splendid (sorry, slip o' the finger) rule of his mommy, Queen Tartagliona. Ask that ugly bitch lovely lady's (seriously type-o) "fortune teller," Brighella. Got her cheeks to his balls, *crystal* balls, if yaknowhaumsayin' wink wink badabrighoo badabrighella. Yet, strolling through our fine streets, I thought to myself, "Self. War torn schmore torn. That's a freakin' tasty sausage." Truffaldino & Smeraldina's butchery: visit, eat, enjoy. Nap to nattering on reason and self-love from their adopted bookworm twins, Renzo & Barbarina. Not that I believe in magic: king-turned-green-bird? Not. Talking statues? Take the olive from my martini now, thanks. Singing apples, waters that dance? Let's hear Ms. Braeburn's pipes and see Two Hs and the Big O's gams.

Signore Pantalone

### **SPECIAL THANKS**

Matt Walker, John Achorn, Jon Monastero, Andy Robinson, David Bridel, Sarah Bedo.

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Madeline Puzo

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