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UVM Department of Theatre Presents The Arabian Nights

Faculty members from the Departments of Theatre and Music collaborate to bring ancient tales to life.

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The UVM Department of Theatre continues its 2012/2013 season with The Arabian Nights by Mary Zimmerman, running from November 1 through the 11th.

Directed by Sarah Carleton, This acclaimed adaptation of the timeless tale “A Thousand and One Nights” will transform the stage of the Royall Tyler Theatre into a tapestry of sight and sound that celebrates theatre’s ritualistic and narrative ancestry. Poetic and stylish, elegant and earthy, The Arabian Nights tells the story of Scheherazade as she uses her wiles and imagination to fill a thousand and one nights with exotic tales of love, lust, hilarity and sorrow in order to delay her murder and avoid the fate that has befallen all that have preceded her. Incorporating dance and music this exhilarating production brings ancient tales to life in ways that remind us why they are eternally relevant.

- Evening performances are at 7:30 PM, Thursday through Saturday, November 1 through November 3 and November 8 through November 10.
- Matinee performances start at 2:00 PM on Saturday, November 3 and Sunday November 11.

The box office is open 2 hours prior to the start of the performance.

Among the many highlights of this event will be a collaboration between the departments of Theatre and Music. Patricia Julien, associate professor in the department of Music, has composed music specifically for this production. Ms. Julien previously collaborated with the Dept. of Theatre on the fall 2008 production of Eurydice. Additionally she has composed music for local theatrical productions staged by Vermont Stage (Clean House) and the Saints and Poets group (Peter Pan). During preliminary meetings to plan for the production John Forbes, Associate Professor and Resident Lighting Designer in the Department of Theatre, encouraged the enlistment of Ms. Julien’s talents and she was happy to be included. Her excitement with the collaborative nature of Theatre was underscored after reading the script and being moved by the storytelling aspects of this adaptation. Drawing on a musical background that includes touring with a Middle Eastern jazz band she has made a contribution that will be memorable for it’s nod to cultural authenticity as well as it’s ability to allow the audience members another avenue into the richness and depth of the storytelling.

Tickets for The Arabian Nights, and all main stage productions including The Toys Take Over Christmas are available now at the Royall Tyler box office (802-656-2094) or online at uvmtheatre.org.

Ticket prices are:

- $7 for UVM students
- $15 for UVM faculty & staff, non-UVM students and Seniors (55+)
- $18 for adults.

The box office is located on the main floor of the Royall Tyler Theatre at 116 University Place and regular box office hours are Monday through Friday from 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM.
The Arabian Nights
By Mary Zimmerman
Presented by the University of Vermont Department of Theatre

...only love emerges victorious.

The Royall Tyler Theatre
November 1 – 3 & 8 – 11
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