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A&E Notebook: 'Menopause the Musical,' Muni workshops, Chicano arts

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'Menopause' comes to UIS

"Menopause The Musical," about a certain time in a woman's life dominated by hot flashes, night sweats and chocolate binges, comes to Sangamon Auditorium at the University of Illinois Springfield Tuesday and Wednesday.

Four women commiserate over menopause to parodies of pop songs ("Stayin' Alive," "My Girl").

Showtimes are 7:30 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday. Tickets cost \$52 and are available by calling 206-6160 or (800) 207-6960; online at www.SangamonAuditorium.org; or from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays at the auditorium ticket office.

Muni to hold audition workshops

Audition workshops for the 2011 season at The Muni are scheduled for Saturday at the LRS Theater at the Hoogland Center for the Arts, 420 S. Sixth St.

The children's workshop begins at 10:30 a.m. The adult workshop begins at 1 p.m.

The workshops will cover Muni auditions, how to register and prepare for an audition, and the expectations of each musical's staff.

Musicals to be performed this summer are "Big River," "Guys and Dolls," "Hairspray" and "The Wizard of Oz." Auditions for adults are March 5-6 and 12. Auditions for children are March 19.

'Chicana and Chicano Art' author to speak

Artist and writer Carlos Francisco Jackson will speak today at Brookens Auditorium, University of Illinois Springfield, and display his art at the university's Visual Arts Gallery.

Jackson is assistant professor of Chicana/o Studies at the University of California at Davis. His book "Chicana and Chicano Art: ProtestArte," outlines the history and development of Chicana and Chicano visual arts.

He will speak at Brookens Auditorium at 5:30 p.m. today. A reception for his art exhibit, "Mi America/My America," is from 6:30 to 8 p.m. today at the gallery. The exhibit runs through March 23.

Bartholomew to read at Quiddity event

Quiddity, a literary journal at Benedictine University at Springfield, hosts a reading by poet and author Emma Bartholomew during "Poetry & Cartography" at 7 p.m. today at the Brinkerhoff Home, 1500 N. Fifth St.

Born in London, Bartholomew is working on her doctorate at the University of Edinburgh.

Admission is free.

Two venues to present 'Vagina Monologues'

"The Vagina Monologues" will be performed at two central Illinois colleges this weekend.

The Lincoln Land Community College Feminist Activist Coalition presents the play at 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday at the Trutter Center on the LLCC campus in Springfield.

The performance is part of the "V-Day College Campaign" to raise awareness of issues related to violence against women and girls. Eighty percent of proceeds will be donated to the Prairie Coalition Against Sexual Assault (PCASA) and the Sojourn Center, with the rest to Eve Ensler's V-Day Foundation, which will contribute to Haitian relief efforts.

Tickets cost \$10 for students with IDs and \$15 for the public. For tickets, call 786-2762.

Doors open at 6 p.m. Friday and Saturday, with pre-show entertainment at 6:30 p.m. Doors open at 1 p.m. Sunday with pre-show entertainment at 1:30 p.m.

In Jacksonville, Illinois College students and faculty members will present "The Vagina Monologues" at 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday at the McGaw Fine Arts Center's Sibert Theatre.

Donations will be accepted, with all proceeds benefiting the Prairie Center Against Sexual Assault.

'Emperor's New Clothes' takes Jacksonville stage

The Jacksonville Theatre Guild presents a youth production of "The Emperor's New Clothes," by Hans Christian Anderson, today through Sunday at the Sophie Leschin Theatre in Community Park.

An egotistical king who worries too much about what he's wearing is shamed into changing the way he leads his people.

Showtimes are 7:30 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, and 2 p.m. Sunday. Tickets cost \$13 for adults and \$8 for children 12 and younger. For reservations, call 245-1402.

Event to feature Hughes, Lindsay poetry

The poetry of Langston Hughes and Vachel Lindsay will be featured during a special African American History Month program at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Vachel Lindsay Home State Historic Site, 603 S. Fifth St.

Admission is free.

Dr. Wesley G. Robinson-McNeese will present the poetry of Hughes and Lindsay. Marge Deffenbaugh will present information about Hughes' life.

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