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Early Notice to Teachers

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2007-2008 Calendar

Helping you integrate the arts into your curriculum

Arvada Center Theater

In our new Black Box Theater

Due to a large demand from several Middle and High Shools, in addition to our regularly scheduled Wednesday matiness, we have added Tuesday and Thursday matinees for *Of Mice and Men*.

Of Mice and Men

Jan 29 - Mar 9, 2008
Written by John Steinbeck
Directed by Terry Dodd

One of the most acclaimed fictional works in American literature, John Steinbeck's *Of Mice and Men* is a gripping tale of average people dealing with complex issues - survival, the bonds of friendship and the pursuit of happiness. Two lonely migrant workers, George, optimistic and responsible and his companion Lennie, a gentle but simple-minded giant wander from job to job. They know they won't always be drifters for they have a dream – a place of their own, working their land and taking orders from no one. This unlikely pair is held together by common dreams, aspirations and dependencies, but all goes awry when the unthinkable happens. For even "the best laid schemes o' mice an' men…"

January 2008
January 25, Preview, Fri, 7:30 p.m.
January 26, Preview, Sat, 7:30 p.m.
January 27, Preview, Sun, 7:30 p.m.
January 29,Tues, 7:30 p.m.
January 30, Wed, 1 & 7:30 p.m.
January 31, Thur, 7:30 p.m.

February 2008
February 1, Fri, 7:30 p.m.
February 2, Sat, 2 & 7:30 p.m.
February 3, Sun, 2 p.m.
February 5, Tues, 7:30 p.m.
February 6, Wed, 1 & 7:30 p.m.
February 7, Thurs, 7:30 p.m.
February 8, Fri, 7:30 p.m.
February 9, Sat, 2 & 7:30 p.m.
February 10, Sun, 2 p.m.
February 12, Tues, 7:30 p.m.
February 13, Wed, 1 & 7:30 p.m.
February 14, Thurs, 7:30 p.m.
February 15, Fri, 7:30 p.m.
February 16, Sat, 2 & 7:30 p.m.
February 17, Sun, 2 p.m.
February 19, Tues, 7:30 p.m.
February 20, Wed, 1 & 7:30 p.m.
February 21, Thurs, 7:30 p.m.
February 22, Fri, 7:30 p.m.
February 23, Sat, 2 & 7:30 p.m.
February 24, Sun, 2 p.m.
February 26, Tues, 1 & 7:30 p.m.
February 27, Wed, 7:30 p.m.
February 28, Thurs, 1 & 7:30 p.m.
February 29, Fri, 7:30 p.m.

March 2008
March 1, Sat, 7:30 p.m.
March 2, Sun, 2 p.m.
March 4, Tues, 1 & 7:30 p.m.
March 5, Wed, 7:30 p.m.
March 6, Thurs, 1 & 7:30 p.m.
March 7, Fri, 7:30 p.m.
March 8, Sat, 7:30 p.m.
March 9, Sun, 2:00 p.m.

We are **now accepting advanced reservations** for school groups. Payment is required 30 days in advance of the show date; until that time, numbers may be adjusted. No refunds once payment is made, and there are no refunds on the day of the show for school groups. Tickets are available on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Our new Black Box Theater seats 220 patrons.

Ticket Reservations

The Arvada Center offers many opportunities for **discounted student tickets**:
$14 per person for groups of 10 or more.

Contact Lynn Stapp or Michelle Coppola at 720-898-7202 for group reservations.

Education

Make an Arts Day of It

Schedule an Arts Day—a fun, hands-on educational arts experience in a 3-hour field trip format for pre-school to high school classes (including children with disabilities), neighborhood groups, scout troops and clubs. Arts Days can be tailor-made to fit scheduling and curricula needs, with a focus on drama, visual arts, history, humanities, dance and/or music. Offered Tuesdays through Fridays (10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.).

Arts Day brochures, with more detailed information, will be delivered to your school in early August or check our website.

Reservations for Arts Days will be accepted starting August 9, 2007. Arts Days fill up fast, so don't delay. For more information, please call Hillary Olson at 720-898-7240.

Cost:
- $4 - $9 per student depending on what programs are chosen.
- $2 per adult

Discounts available for Title I schools.

See You on the Internet

Please visit our website at www.arvadacenter.org for more information on:

- How to plan your next visit to the Arvada Center.
- Information on our Arts Day program.
- Resource links.

www.arvadacenter.org/educators

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MOONLIGHT AND MAGNOLIAS

Sept 11 - Oct 7, 2007
Written by Ron Hutchinson
Directed by Bev Newcomb-Madden

It's 1939 and the famous producer David O. Selznick is on the brink of silver-screen flop or Oscar-winning success. He has stopped production of his new epic film, *Gone with the Wind* because the screenplay has a problem. Selznick sends for famed screenwriter Ben Hecht and pulls director Victor Fleming from the set of *The Wizard of Oz*. Given just five days, these three men with hilarious desperation create a screenplay that will result in one of the most successful and beloved films of all time. Historical fact or fiction? One fact is for sure, this regional premiere is frantically funny.

DEFIANCE

Oct 2 - Nov 4, 2007
Written by John Patrick Shanley
Directed by Jane Page

The Arvada Center is excited to host the regional premiere of Defiance. According to playwright John Patrick Shanley, "it explores specifics of my life story as it overlaps with major changes in the social fabric of this country." The play takes place on a North Carolina Marine base in 1971… racial tensions are high as are antiwar sentiments. Lt. Colonel Littlefield, white, middle aged, wants to clean up racism on the base while Captain King, a young African American, doesn't want to be made the example of an accomplished black man. Within the strict confines of the military mindset, Littlefield and King face off. This provocative new work is about power, duty and responsibility– and what happens when defiance trumps all.

Nov 13 - Dec 23, 2007
Written by Stuart Ross
Directed and Choreographed by Anita Boland

Plaid Tidings makes its Colorado premiere just in time for the holiday season. Starring Jinx, Frankie, Smudge and Sparky, young male singers from the '50s, who usually reside in heaven, are called back to earth to stage a nostalgic holiday extravaganza. Complete with your favorite seasonal tunes including *White Christmas*, *I'll be Home for Christmas*, *Carol of the Bells* and much more. But the nostalgic journey wouldn't be complete without a side-splitting tribute to The Ed Sullivan Show with guest stars The Chipmunks and the Vienna Boys Choir. This "heaven-sent" show is the perfect gift for the entire family.

La Cage aux Folles

Nov 20 - Dec 23, 2007
Written by Harvey Fierstein
Music & Lyrics by Jerry Herman
Directed by Rod A. Lansberry

La Cage aux Folles, a flamboyant and humorous musical, graces the Main Stage this holiday season. Winner of the 2004 Tony Award® and Drama Desk Award for the Best Revival of a Musical was also popularized by the very successful 1996 comedy remake, *The Birdcage* starring Robin Williams and Nathan Lane. It is a story of two middle-aged men – Georges, the manager of the St. Tropez nightclub featuring drag entertainment and his "friend" Albin, the club's star attraction. Having lived happily together for many years, their lives are turned upside down when Georges' son announces he is getting married to the daughter of a local morals crusader! The story's hilarity unravels as they collectively attempt to put their best faces on and the right foot forward to ensure their son's future happiness.

Of Mice and Men

Jan 29 - Mar 9, 2008
Please see reverse side for more information on this show.

House of Blue Leaves

April 8 - May 11, 2008
Written by John Guare
Directed by Billie McBride

It is 1965: the Pope is coming to New York City and comical chaos is about to reign. *House of Blue Leaves*, winner of four Tony Awards® is a dark comedy with neurotic characters. This social commentary of the '60s follows Artie Shaughnessy, a zookeeper by day and a hope-to-be songwriter by night. He fears that he is "too old to be a young talent." Artie's creative space is interrupted by a cast of crazy characters - nuns on the roof, his loony wife Bananas, his manic mistress Bunny, and his psychotic son Ronnie, who is preparing to assassinate the Pope. This absurd comedy brings to light the lengths people will go to for their 15 minutes of fame.

Upper and Lower Galleries

Western Federation of Watercolor Societies 32
Juror, John Salminen, Duluth, Minnesota
This event features artists from nine watercolor organizations west of the Mississippi River. This year, the internationally renowned watercolor artist John Salminen will jury the exhibit. John is a signature member of many watercolor societies and has won more than 125 awards in National and International Exhibitions, including the American Watercolor Society Gold Medal in 2006.
June 1 - November 11, 2007
Lower Gallery

State of Colorado Watercolor Society
Juror, Carole Barnes, Boulder, Colorado
This exhibition features watercolor paintings from local Colorado artists. Well-known national artist – Carole Barnes, will jury this show. Carole is a member of the American Watercolor Society, National Watercolor Society, has received numerous awards in national juried shows and has been featured in many books and magazines.
June 1 - November 11, 2007
Theater Gallery