

USD Theatre To Present 'Silent Laughter'

VERMILLION — The University of South Dakota Department of Theatre presents the comedy "Silent Laughter," Feb. 20-24, at the Wayne S. Knutson Theatre of the Warren M. Lee Center for the Fine Arts.

Inspired by Charlie Chaplin and the legends of pre-talkie films, "Silent Laughter" is the culminating M.F.A. project for graduate students Fred Liebfried of Anson, Maine, director, and Tiffany Lent of Henderson, Nevada, costume designer. It features Brian Muldoon of Sioux Falls as the hero, Billy, and Billy's Pal, played by Tim Huggenberger of Sioux City, Iowa, as two men who are down on their luck until they meet Ruth, played by Emily Dorsett of Sioux City. For Billy, it's love at first sight as Ruth provides a job for both Billy and Billy's Pal at her father's factory, Thickwad's Screw Factory. It's at the factory where Billy develops an idea to increase productivity but Lionel Drrippinwith, played by Steve Schaeffer of Sioux Falls, has other ideas. Determined to steal both Billy's idea and his love, Lionel pushes his way into Ruth's life and the audience is left wondering if Billy can save the woman he loves.

Student designers for the production include Lucas Granholm of Morris, Minn. (lighting); Gabe Gomez of Fargo, N.D. (projections); and Jenna Manley of Grand Island, Neb. (scenic design). Anthony Pellecchia, assistant professor of theatre, is sound designer. Similar to 1920s silent films, "Silent Laughter" includes pantomimed action and physical humor, and the action unfolds with title cards projected over the actors' heads. Live organ accompaniment provided by graduate student Chris Larson of Vermillion includes music common to silent film classics and his own compositions.

Performances of "Silent Laughter" are at 7:30 p.m., Feb. 20-23, with a 2 p.m. matinee on Feb. 24. Tickets can be purchased online at www.usd.edu/theatre or by calling (605) 677-5400 between noon and 5 p.m.

Winners Announced for Stilwell Exhibition At USD

VERMILLION — The 26th annual Stilwell Student Awards Exhibition runs through Thursday, Feb. 28, at the University of South Dakota's John A. Day Gallery.

Sponsored by University Art Galleries and the USD Department of Art, the annual juried student art show recognizes artistic talent and creative work from USD students. Winners in several art categories have been announced, including "Best in Show" to Nate Bucholz for "Untitled: Working on cars with my dad inspired this piece" (2013); and honorable mention to students Paul Kaloper for "Untitled (The Economy)" (2012), Calvin Labrie for "Mercury" (2012) and Jennifer Padgett for "Wooly Land" (2012). The Gladys Ferree Stilwell Freshman/Sophomore Award was awarded to David Langner for "In Between Dreams" (2013).

The annual Stilwell Student Awards Exhibition is supported by an endowment established in 1987 and honors Wilber Stilwell's commitment to art education. Stilwell, who joined the USD faculty immediately after receiving his master's degree from the University of Iowa in 1941, served on the department of art faculty at USD for 32 years and as department chair for 26 years. The exhibit is named for Stilwell and his wife, Gladys.

The John A. Day Gallery in the Warren M. Lee Center for the Fine Arts is open free of charge to the public from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays. Tours and special showings during non-public hours are available upon request. For more information about this exhibition, contact the University Art Galleries Director Alison Erazmus at (605) 677-3177 or Alison.Erazmus@usd.edu.

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