# **USD** Theatre Announces Magical **New Season**

VERMILLION - Two epic musicals, a farcical comedy and a critically-acclaimed drama highlight the University of South Dakota Department of Theatre's 2013-14 season.

USD Theatre opens with "Arcadia," Oct. 9-13. "Arca-dia," set in an elegant English country estate, moves back and forth between 1809 and the present as the author explores the nature of truth and time as well as the differences between classical and romantic temperaments. Performances of 'Arcadia" are scheduled for 7:30 p.m. Oct. 9 through Oct. 12 with a 2 p.m. mati-nee on Oct. 13.

"Les Misérables," the epic musical by Claude-Michel Schonberg and Alain Boublil, takes the stage Nov. 21-25. The story, which takes place during 19th century France, features convict Jean Valjean on the run, hunted by the relentless policeman Javert for breaking his parole during the French revolution. A mesmerizing musical that has achieved global popularity, "Les Misérables" features 7:30 p.m. performances Nov. 21 through Nov. 23 and again on Nov. 25 with a 2 p.m. matinee on Nov. 24.

Cue the laughter with "General O's Toenail" in February. This play features an imaginative blending of farce, allegory and the theatre of the absurd as the author focuses on a young draftee and the unfortunate circumstances of his military service. "General O's Toenail" will be performed at 7:30 p.m. on Feb. 20 through Feb. 23 and at 2 p.m. on Feb. 24.

The curtain closes on this season with "Pippin," music and lyrics by Stephen Schwartz based on the book by Roger O. Hirson. Earlier this year, the Broadway revival of this modern musical received Tony Awards for Best Musical and several other categories. Pippin, the eldest son of King Charlemagne, sets out to make his life special by dabbling in women, war and politics in his quest for true love. The broad comedy, featuring bawdy char-acters in often dark circumstances, performs at 7:30 p.m., April 24 through April 26 and again on April 28 with a 2 p.m. show slated for April 27.

USD Theatre performes are in the Way

# USD **Skyrm Set To Perform Oct. 8 Piano Recital**

VERMILLION — Susanne Skyrm, professor of music at the University of South Dakota, will present a faculty piano recital at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 8, at Colton Recital Hall in the Warren M. Lee Center for the Fine Arts. The program will feature works from 18th- and 20th-century Spain.

Skyrm spent a month in Alicante, Spain, studying the Spanish piano repertoire with the noted pedagogue and concert pianist, Albert Nieto. Tuesday's program will include music that she studied with Nieto. Featured composers include Albeniz, Blancafort, Mompou and Turina, as well as 18th-century composers Albero, Scarlatti, Blasco de Nebra, and Soler. The

program is free and open to the public. Skyrm will present the same program in Chadron, Neb., Wayne, Neb. and Spearfish later this fall.

A piano soloist and collaborative artist, Skyrm has performed through-out the United States and Europe. She combines performing the standard piano repertoire with research inter-ests in early keyboards and Spanish and Latin American keyboard music. Her performances have been broadcast nationally on public radio and on public access television. Her CD, Treasures of Iberian Keyboard Music," features a rare Portuguese fortepiano from the collections of The National Music Museum and was re-



#### Susanne Skyrm

leased to critical acclaim. Skyrm holds degrees in piano performance from the College of Idaho, the University of Cincinnati and the University of Colorado. She was a prize winner in

the Mason and Hamlin Idaho state auditions and the regional auditions and the recipient of an award from the Cincinnati Three Arts Foundation. She also studied with master teacher Ilonka Deckers-Küszler in Milan, Italy, for several years. Other teachers in-clude Fern Nolte Davidson, Larry Graham, and Ray Dudley, piano; Malcolm Bilson, fortepiano; and Bernard Brauchli, clavichord. A member of the USD faculty since 1988, she teaches studio and class

piano, and piano literature, and in 2006, she was named the first recipient of USD's College of Fine Arts Biennial Distinguished Professor Award.



Knutson Theatre, which is located in the Warren M. Lee Center for the Fine Arts. Tickets are available at the University Theatre Web site at www.usd.edu/cfa/Theatre or by calling (605) 677-5400.

### Yankton Co. **4-H Ice Cream Social Set**

The Yankton County 4-H Ice Cream Social will be held at the Yankton County Extension Office, 901 Whiting Dr., Yankton, on Thursday, Oct. 10, running from 4:30-7 p.m.

Parents and kids ages 5 and up are welcome to drop by the Yankton County Extension Office, grab some SDSU ice cream, and learn how to join Yankton County 4-H.

For more information on this free event, contact Lauren Fosheim at (605) 665-3387 or yankton.pa@sdstate.edu/, or visit yankton4h.com/.

### **Musical Variety Benefit Show** Set For MMC

If you enjoy high-quality local musical entertainment for a good cause, join us for the Tyjuan Benefit Saturday, Oct. 12, running from 7-9 p.m. at the Marian Auditorium on the Mount Marty College campus.

This show is free to attend, and will feature music by Mike & Jay, Scott & Kim Olson, Jackie Quinn, Lynell Kooistra, Jacob Fokken, Papa Ray Peterson and a lot more.

Free-will donations and a "live auction" during the show will help raise funds to benefit 12-year-old Tyjuan Sharron, who has leukemia cancer. Tyjuan is the nephew of Scott and Lynell Kooistra of Yankton.



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