

Hotel incident basis for troupe's musical

Eugeneans will have the chance to see America's oldest street theater group this weekend as the San Francisco Mime Troupe performs four shows at the Community Center for the Performing Arts.

The Troupe will present "Hotel Universe" Friday-Sunday at 8 p.m., and will also perform Sunday at 2 p.m.

"Hotel Universe" is a musical comedy about the resistance of a group of tenants to a decision by the owners that the property should be cleared for development. The play is based on an incident at the International Hotel in San Francisco, and was produced in La Rochelle, France, with the support of the Ministry of Culture.

The S.F. Mime Troupe was formed some 20 years ago, and has developed into an internationally recognized theater group. Working with such popular forms as melodrama, mystery, western, and comedy, the Troupe deals with such subjects as race, the economy, injustice, the cities, and the future.

"We believe that the most serious subjects are the most in need of comic treatment," says the Troupe. "Comedy pierces people's defenses, opening new possibilities for hope and change. An art of despair offers no options."

The Troupe performs free in the Bay Area each summer, and spends the rest of the year touring. The company is non-profit and collectively run.

"Like community murals and protest music, our theater is part of a new folk culture that owes nothing to patrons or to media conglomerates; a people's art that appears live on walls and street corners, expressing energy instead of fashionable weirdness, urgency instead of bland despair."

Tickets for evening shows are \$3.50, and matinees are \$3. They can be purchased at Koobdooga Bookstore, the Sun Shop, the Book and Tea Bookstore and Chrystalship Records.



The landlord, in the top-hat, is evicting the tenants, and they are fighting back, in a scene from the San Francisco Mime Troupe's new show, "The Hotel Universe," which premiered in La Rochelle, France, on its recent European tour.

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Moliere farce opens Friday

Moliere's comic play *School for Wives* begins Friday at the University's Pocket Theatre.

The University Theatre production will play April 28 and 29, and May 3-6. All performances are at 8 p.m.

The 17th century farce, written in verse, lampoons an older man who marries a young girl. The groom picks the girl for her lack of wits, believing stupid wives are guaranteed to be loyal. But his theory does not stand up as a law of nature.

Rinda Lundstrom directs this

work by the well-known French playwright. This is her first University show. She came to Eugene this year from Utah, where she was a founder of the Utah Shakespeare Players and a member of the company for the last five years.

Shows she has directed include *Twelfth Night*, *The Tempest* and *The Dark at the Top of the Stairs*.

The cast includes graduate student Robert Provost as Oronte, sophomore Larry Lee as Horace, graduate student Jim Rarick in the

role of Chrysalde, and freshman Peter Struble as Alain.

Scenic designer is Jeff Seats, and Ellen Dennis has designed the costumes.

General admission tickets are \$2.50, and half price for current U of O students and senior citizens. Tickets may be reserved by calling the box office, 686-4191.

Harp soloist schedules single show

Expert harpist James Pinkerton will give a single, small concert in Eugene at the Valley River Inn Sunday at 6:30 p.m.

Pinkerton has been a harp soloist for 10 years. For the last seven, he has performed at many state occasions with the U.S. Marine Band as their featured soloist.

He is reputed to bring a vivacious stage presence as well as competence to his performances.

The program, entitled "An Evening of Elegance," spans music from early 18th century through contemporary compositions.

The dinner-concert is a benefit for the Young Artist Fund of the American Harp Society and is being presented by the Eugene chapter of that society.

Tickets for both the dinner and concert are limited and cost \$11.50. They may be purchased at Skeie's Jewelers downtown and at Bremen Town Music and Records at Valley River Center. For further information, call Sally Maxwell, 343-6306, or Jeanne Manela, 344-2934.

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