

# THEATRE

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chestra is an ornately decorated and performs distinctly Balinese music. The orchestra (formally named Gamelon Suranadi Indra Putra) is known for unusual chords and a distinct brittle sound. The instruments include gongs, cymbals, bells, drums and metal bars.

Kyr calls is a feast for the senses and Warren said the people involved ensure a spectacular show.

"Knowing how talented (Williams, Kyr and Descutner) are, I am sure they will not only give a spectacular feast for the eyes, but they will probably bring the scents of Balinese and Indonesian spices to the theater," Warren said.

After *Chimera* get ready to shed a few tears for *King Lear*. Shakespeare's tragic masterpiece will be directed by Barton. This play depicts an aging monarch and his three daughters. King Lear divides his kingdom using pride rather than common sense to create the boundaries of three separate kingdoms for each daughter. Battles and storms rage across the stage as King Lear loses all that he holds dear.

Robinson Theatre is run by the Department of Theater Arts which is commencing its first year. Previously the Theater and Speech Departments were combined into one department. During the widespread cut-backs in the humanities last year, the speech department was eliminated and theater arts was set up as a Department of the School of Arts and Sciences.

"The creation of the Department of Theater Arts is a mixed

blessing," Barton said. "We are now a very small, but very visible Department."

The Department offers the B.A., M.A., M.S., M.F.A., and Ph.D. Degrees. Theater arts degree candidates from within the school figure prominently in theater operations. Because of the involvement of many graduate students, Robinson Theatre is able to put on higher quality and challenging performances.

"We have a lot more mature talent because of the graduate students," Barton said.

Students from outside the department are also encouraged to participate in all aspects of theater production. Many opportunities are available, including: set production and design, technical assistance, construction, costumes, acting, assistant directing, publicity and ushering.

Many students who are otherwise uninterested in the theater production apply for the position of usher in order to attend the performances for free.

The performance selections are decided in early spring by a forum of faculty and students. The forum makes use of formal proposals as well as informal brainstorming.

Robinson Theatre is funded solely on box office revenue. The ASUO partially subsidizes student ticket prices. Warren has been the University Theater business manager for nine months and asserts that the financial side of the theater is "stabilized and in the black."

Anyone wishing to get involved in the Department of Theater Arts either as a student or as a volunteer for Robinson Theatre can call 346-4171.



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