

The Big Idea(s)

Latini a slow boat ride through humanities class, on acid

Johnny Ormsbee's homage to the theater of the absurd combines a medieval search for universal meaning with existential themes, which feels not unlike using Rogaine to remove unwanted body hair.

Or is *Latini in Dark World* at the Very Little Theatre absurd absurdity? Only author/director Ormsbee can say, and it's likely he wants you to make up your own mind.

In the tradition of Beckett and Ionesco, *Latini in Dark World* doesn't have much of a plot. Very loosely, *Latini* is an exploration of the process of thought. Nervous little Latini (Dylan Skye Kennedy) gets kicked out of Dark World due to his relentless desire to name and create. He then spends the rest of the 105-no-intermission-minutes in a boat with The Mad Pirate Cahen (refreshing Scott Shirk), talking. A lot. About all that stuff you learned in Humanities 101. Occasionally there's a dance; often there is very loud, dissonant music. Dante (Steve Wehmeier) serves as the narrator/chorus; at one point, he enjoys a little nap on stage.

It's hard to say what Ormsbee is striving for here. The play is not as funny as he intended it to be, or perhaps the audience simply doesn't know when it's safe to laugh. Ormsbee beats the audience tirelessly with

language, using the syntax and phrasing of half of the great male playwrights of the last five centuries. Most lines sound like something out of Shakespeare or his late medieval forerunners; another line is like Oscar Wilde; the next, Harold Pinter with some skate punk thrown in. This conglomeration of imitation wasn't crafted for audience impact or comprehension.

Rather than edgy, the play feels quaint. Take Ormsbee's portrayal of women. There are seven women on stage, mostly dressed as sea nymphs in fishnet stockings. Another woman (Azita Mohtadi) walks around in her best 1950s-model glide carrying an apple in her open palm. The women of this play writhe, tempt and occasionally inspire, while men do interesting and important things, like explore the formation of thought and deal with a menacing boat full of Samuel Becketts. When *Latini* finally does hook up with his dream Beatrice/Eve, what does she do? She listens and giggles as he says brilliant things like "Rhino." Are there still men out there defining themselves by the quest for an unattainable woman? "Woman as other" was addressed by Simone de Beauvoir in 1952. The last 150 years of industrialization, advances in birth control and public education render this paradigm obsolete, not to mention just plain silly.

Ormsbee offers us a play filled with exclamation points. Most theatrical experiences that have an impact linger in the world of ellipses or question marks. Yet I am glad I saw this play, if only to enjoy Scott Shirk's maniacal smile — and his eyebrows. Dylan Skye Kennedy displays elegant physicality, quiet charm and a passionate interest in his journey, even when it feels like a trip through the human digestive system. And Johnny Ormsbee must be one hell of a director. Bizarre bordering on farcical it may be, but the production is sharp, visually appealing yet simply staged in VLT's cozy Stage Left. The cohesive, invested cast ably plays out Ormsbee's

Latini (Dylan Skye Kennedy) and Pirate Cahen (Scott Shirk) with Rachel Pasley



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imagination. Go see this play because, although artsy, incomprehensible and absurd, *Latini* is not at all pretentious; there is too much real love and delight involved in staging this production for pretense. They mean it, whatever "it" is.

Latini in Dark World continues through May 3 in the Very Little Theatre's Stage Left. Call 344-7751 for tix. **EW**

opening nights

Metamorphoses opens at the UO's Robinson Theatre Friday, May 1. Mary Zimmerman adapted Ovid's tales to great acclaim a few years back, and now the UO's John Schmor (*Or Not to Be*) changes it up a bit, partnering with UO dance prof Walter Kennedy to get the UO grads and undergrads into "primary magic" form. The lovely revamped Robinson hosts the show, which requires all of the new technical abilities of the space and then some ... and hurray, there's male nudity! (Um, it concerns Greek mythology. So, duh.) Should be a visual, intellectual and emotionally satisfying treat. Show dates are May 1 & 2, 7-10, 15, 16 & 24. Tix at 346-4363.

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Legal Notices

AMENDED TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE Reference is made to that certain trust deed made by Michael Thompson, as grantor, to American Title Group, as trustee, in favor of John Strunk, as beneficiary, dated June 28, 2005, recorded July 1, 2005, in the Official Records of Lane County, Oregon, as Reception No. 2005-049203, covering the following described real property situated in said county and state, to-wit: Beginning at a point in the TOWNSITE OF CHICKAHOMINY, in Section 6, in Township 18 South, Range 7 West of the Willamette Meridian, 530 feet North 87° 32' West from the Northeast corner of Lot 1 of said TOWNSITE OF CHICKAHOMINY; and thence running South 653 feet, paralleling the East line of Lot 1 of said TOWNSITE OF CHICKAHOMINY; thence running West 397 feet to the West line of Lot 1 and the West line of the TOWNSITE OF CHICKAHOMINY; thence North on the West line of said Lot 1 to the Northwest corner of said Lot 1 of the TOWNSITE OF CHICKAHOMINY 670.57 feet more or less; and thence South 87° 32' East 397 feet on the North line of said Lot 1 in the TOWNSITE OF CHICKAHOMINY to the place of beginning, all in Lane County, Oregon; ALSO: A certain strip of land formerly reserved by deed recorded February 15, 1938, in Book 193, Page 346, of the Deed Records of Lane County, Oregon, and more definitely described as follows: A strip

of land 14 feet wide East and West and extending from the Southeast corner of the above described tract of land, South to the North line of the Noti-Swiss Home State Highway a distance of approximately 557 feet and used as a joint right of way by adjoining property owners, all in Lane County, Oregon; EXCEPTING THEREFROM all real property lying East of the following described line which is part of those certain tracts conveyed to John Strunk and Zula Mae Strunk in Book 262, Page 59, and in Book 362, Page 129, and including therein all real property lying West of the following described line which is part of that certain tract conveyed to Ivan R. Surcamp and Florence C. Surcamp, as recorded in Book 311, Page 272, of the Deed Records of Lane County, Oregon; Beginning at the intersection of the East-West center section line of Section 6, Township 18 South, Range 7 West of the Willamette Meridian and an existing North-South fence line, said point being South 87° 26' 54" East 1983.19 feet from the West quarter corner of said Section 6 and said point also being South 87° 26' 54" East 391.68 feet and North 2° 33' 06" East 0.63 feet from a stone said to be the initial point of the PLAT OF CHICKAHOMINY, as recorded in Book 6, Page 3, of Lane County Oregon Plat Records; and thence running along said fence line South 0° 11' 48" East 1211.67 feet to the Northern margin of State Highway 126, said point bearing North 72° 36' 24" East 25.51 feet from the North margin of Engineer's Station 754+65.6, P.T., all in Lane County, Oregon. John Strunk died on October 22, 2007. The estate assets vested in Jeanette Kay Garner, Donna Lee Lake, and John William Strunk pursuant to the Order Approving First and Final Accounting and General Judgment of Final Distribution filed in the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for Lane County Probate Department, Case No. 50-08-01208. The beneficiary or his successor and the successor trustee have elected to sell the said real property to satisfy the obligations secured by said trust deed and a Notice of Default has been recorded pursuant to Section 86.735 of Oregon Revised Statutes; the default for which the foreclosure is made is grantor's failure to pay when due the following sums; together with all subsequent sums due and owing pursuant to the terms and conditions of said trust: Delinquent Installments: \$392.87 due on September 1, 2008. \$392.87 due on October 1, 2008. \$392.87 due on November 1, 2008. \$392.87 due on December 1, 2008. \$392.87 due on January 1,

2009. Late Charges Totaling: \$98.22. By reason of said default, the beneficiary or his successor has declared all sums owing on the obligation secured by said trust deed immediately due and payable, said sums being in the following, to-wit: \$57,039.49, plus interest at the rate of 7% per year from November 21, 2008, until paid; plus late charges in the amount of \$98.22; plus impounds, late fees and subsequent installments due thereafter; and all trustee's fees, foreclosure costs and sums advanced by the beneficiary pursuant to the terms and conditions of said trust deed. WHEREFORE notice is hereby given that the undersigned successor trustee will on June 19, 2009, at the hour of 11:00 o'clock a.m., Standard Time, as established by Section 187.110 of Oregon Revised Statutes, at Lane County Courthouse, 125 E. 8th Avenue, Eugene, at the 8th Avenue entrance, in the City of Eugene, County of Lane, State of Oregon, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash the interest in said described real property which the grantor has or had power to convey at the time of the execution by him of said trust deed, together with any interest which the grantor or his successor in interest acquired after the execution of said trust deed, to satisfy the foregoing obligations thereby secured and the costs and expenses of sale, including a reasonable charge by the trustee. Notice is further given that any person named in Section 86.753 of Oregon Revised Statutes has a right, at any time prior to five (5) days before the trustee conducts the sale, to have this foreclosure proceeding dismissed and the trust deed reinstated by payment to the beneficiary of the entire amount then due (other than such portion of the principal as would not then be due had no default occurred) and by curing any other default complained of herein that is capable of being cured by tendering the performance required under the obligation or trust deed, and in addition to paying said sums or tendering the performance necessary to cure the default, by paying all costs and expenses actually incurred in enforcing the obligation of the trust deed, together with trustee's and attorney's fees not exceeding the amounts provided by Section 86.753 of Oregon Revised Statutes. The mailing address of the successor trustee, Scott G. Bassinger, is 1200 Executive Parkway, Suite 320, Eugene, Oregon 97401. DATED this 15th day of April, 2009. Scott G. Bassinger, successor trustee. I, the undersigned, certify that I am the attorney or one

of the attorneys for the above-named trustee and that the foregoing is a complete and exact copy of the original Amended Trustee's Notice of Sale. DATED this 23rd day of April, 2009. BASSINGER & KIM. By: SCOTT G. BASSINGER, OSB #92028. Attorneys for said Successor Trustee. THIS OFFICE IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. Date of last publication: May 14, 2009.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR LANE COUNTY PROBATE DIVISION Case No. 50-09-06891 NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS In the Matter of the Estate of RICK A. ENGLE, Deceased. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Star L. Wood has been appointed as Personal Representative of the Estate of Rick A. Engle, Deceased. All persons having claims against the Estate are required to present them with vouchers attached to Melya Stylos, attorney for the Personal Representative, at the address listed below, within four months after the date of first publication of this Notice, or the claims may be barred. All persons whose rights may be affected by these proceedings may obtain additional information from the records of the Court, the Personal Representative, or the attorney. Dated and first published April 30, 2009. Melya Stylos, OSB #071930, Melya Stylos, LLC, PO Box 51077, Eugene, Oregon, 97405, Telephone No. (541) 686-2634, email: mstylos@stylos-law.com

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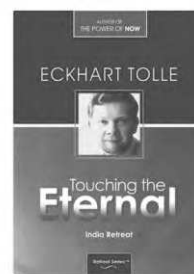
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Laura A. Fournal, as grantor, to Western Title & Escrow, as trustee, succeeded by David B. Mills as trustee, in favor of Robert S. Russell, as beneficiary, dated May 4, 2006, recorded on June 20, 2006, in the Records of Lane County, Oregon, as Reception No. 2006-042674, cover-

ing the following described real property situated in that county and state, to-wit: The West 1/2 of Lot 8 and all of Lots 9 and 10, Block 83, WASHBURN'S SUBDIVISION OF SPRINGFIELD INVESTMENT AND POWER COMPANY'S ADDITION, as platted and recorded in Book 2,

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