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Recreating a Classic Greek Myth With Modern Context

The Miracle Theatre Group launches its 18th Season of Hope with the Oregon Premiere of "Icarus," Edwin Sánchez's exciting new drama that explores the stuff of dreams, imagination, and passion — the quest to capture beauty and escape the torment of one's circumstances.

The Greek myth of the boy whose wax wings melted when he flew too close to the sun, shares the name with Edwin Sanchez's play currently in production at the Miracle Theater, "Icarus." In the original story, Icarus is given wings by his father in order to escape from the treacherous labyrinth of the Minotaur. Mesmerized by the sensuous heat the dazzling brilliance of the sun, the young man is drawn ever upward in an attempt to touch the source of the radiant beauty. But the heat turns deadly, melting the wax that bind his feathers into wings, plunging him to his death in the sea far below.

As in the original myth, Sanchez's "Icarus" also explores the stuff of dreams, imagination, and passion — the quest to capture beauty and escape the torment of one's circumstances. What is extraordinary about this "Icarus" is the matter-of-fact way in which we are introduced to the remarkable characters that live in his world, damaged, physically or otherwise. A vacant beach house becomes a refuge for a paraplegic Hollywood hopeful trying to touch the sun, his sister hiding her deformed face behind the ambition she fuels him with, and a man with a suitcase of dreams. An aging starlet and "the ugliest man in the world" crash into their world and change things forever.

A preview of "Icarus" will be held on Thursday, Sept. 13 at 7:30 p.m. Opening night, hosted by Salvador Molly's, will be on Friday, Sept. 14 at 8 p.m. The play will continue through Oct. 13, Thursdays at 7:30 p.m., and Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m.

All performances will be held at El Centro Milagro, 525 SE Stark. For reservations and information, call 503-236-7253.



Challenging our concepts of beauty and human behavior are (from left) Jim Garcia as Primitivo, Ina V. Strauss as Altagracia and Shuhe as Beau of the Miracle Theatre Group performing "Icarus," a play based on a Greek myth.

Former Cocaine Drug Boss Extradited to U.S.

MIAMI (AP) — His peaceful bid to avoid extradition ended, Colombian drug kingpin Fabio Ochoa was delivered to the United States to face charges that he belonged to a gang that smuggled in 30 tons of cocaine a month.

Ochoa, a former top leader of the notorious Medellín cartel, is the highest-profile Colombian sent to face charges in the United States since Colombia revived extraditions in 1997.

Despite years of U.S.-backed drug-fighting efforts, Colombia remains the world's leading cocaine exporting nation and an increasingly important source of the heroin sold in this country.

The State Department warned Americans in Colombia to take extra security precautions, noting "the past history of narcotics traffickers conducting bombings in public areas as a reprisal for or deterrent to extradition."

Ochoa fought extradition peacefully with legal appeals and an Internet page outlining his defense, and by erecting billboards in Bogotá and Medellín proclaiming: "Yesterday I made a mistake, today I am innocent."

That struggle ended when he was put on a DEA plane in Bogotá after a Colombian judge lifted an order he had granted earlier suspending the handover.

In 1990, Ochoa was the first major Colombian trafficker to surrender in return for a promise that he would not be extradited.

When he and two older brothers were released from jail in 1996, they promised never to get involved in the drug business again.

The U.S. extradition request, based largely on bugged conversations, says Ochoa broke that pledge, contributing his know-how to the exporting ring and helping provide cocaine, airplanes and smuggling routes.

Ochoa was arrested in October 1999 along with dozens of other suspected traffickers.

The last major cartel figure extradited was Carlos Lehder, delivered



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to U.S. authorities in 1987. He was sentenced in Jacksonville to life without parole, plus 135 years.

Under the Medellín cartel's pressure, extradition was declared unconstitutional in 1991. Colombia reinstated extradition in December 1997 at the request of the United States. Since then, three dozen Colombians have been extradited to the United States.

If convicted, Ochoa could face up to life in prison. The minimum on two charges — conspiracy to import cocaine into the United States and conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute cocaine — is 10 years, and the least he could serve on a charge of money laundering conspiracy is 20 years, Kilmer said.

Bush, Fox Discuss Migration Plan

WASHINGTON (AP) — Mexican President Vicente Fox opened a state visit by challenging President Bush to work out a bilateral migration agreement before the end of year. Flanked by Bush on the White House South Lawn, Fox said he envisions an agreement that will allow him and Bush, before the end of their respective terms in office, "to make sure that there are no Mexicans who have not entered this country legally in the United States and that those Mexicans who have come into the country do so with the proper documents."

White House spokesman Ari Fleischer said he did not know what Fox meant by setting a year-end goal for an agreement. He said he hoped to find out in the meetings between U.S. and Mexican officials, which were being held after the welcoming ceremony.

Mexican embassy officials said they were equally puzzled by Fox's proposal.

Fox appeared to be calling for an agreement that would be ready for consideration by the respective legislatures of the two countries before the end of the year. But U.S. officials have said that details such as timetables and the numbers of Mexicans who would benefit under an agreement have not yet been broached.

Administration officials have not talked about timetables for reaching an agreement.

Fox said he believes four to six years would be a reasonable time frame for reaching a migration agreement with the United States. Bush said he hopes an agreement can come sooner. Bush's term ends in 2005 and Fox's in 2006.

Secretary of State Colin Powell said substantial progress had been made toward agreement on principles and that the two sides were beginning to work on specifics.

After their remarks, Bush met with Fox at the White House along with aides.

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