

Seattle and NW Washington

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ACT Theatre Announces the Debut Season of Artistic Director John Langs

A Contemporary Theatre is proud to announce the Mainstage productions and two ACTLab productions for the dynamic debut season of incoming Artistic Director John Langs.

Having recently celebrated its 50th Anniversary Season, ACT looks forward to the next 50 years as a destination for contemporary theatre and arts in downtown Seattle. Langs' debut season features six plays in the traditional mainstage season, plus two large-scale shows in the ACTLab, which serves as an incubator and catalyst for new works.

John Langs joined the ACT staff as Associate Artistic Director in 2013 and takes over as Artistic Director this coming January, following Kurt Beattie's retirement.

As Langs moves into the role of Artistic Director, he is clearly defining his objectives. The Mainstage Season will feature plays that reflect the current conversation in our city and the world, stories that entertain, and also "legacy plays" that highlight important figures and events throughout history. Langs will increase ACT's focus on new play development through ACTLab, where experimentation really takes hold.

In May and June, ACT will produce Bathsbeba Doran's *The Mystery of Love & Sex*. Doran is also known for her TV work with the HBO series *Boardwalk Empire*, NBC's *Smash*, and Showtime's *Masters of Sex*.

In the summer (heading into the election countdown) comes the world premiere of *Daisy* by Sean Devine.

Based on a true story, the play is titled after the iconic advertisement that ran only once, during the 1964 presidential election campaign and forever changed the world of political messaging. In September the ACTLab co-presents the incendiary rock musical *Bad Apples* by Jim Leonard with Sidecountry Theatre and Circle X Theatre.

Langs directed the play about the Abu Ghraib scandal with Circle X in Los Angeles in 2012 to great acclaim.

Corrections Secretary Bernie Warner to Leave State Service

State Department of Corrections Secretary Bernie Warner announced last week that he is leaving state service on October 16 to start a new job in the private sector.

Warner, who started his career with the Department 35 years ago, returned to Washington 5 years ago.

He was appointed Secretary by former Governor Gregoire in 2011 and then reappointed by Governor Inslee in 2013.

Warner highlighted several staff accomplishments during his tenure as secretary including the creation of statewide safety committees, implementation of mission housing to address distinct prison populations, reengineering community corrections to balance accountability with services, building of data to improve agency decision making and higher quality services to include physical and mental health.

Warner also praised work done by DOC staff in segregation reform, swift and certain sanctioning and gender responsive programs. In May, Warner was part of the State Department US delegation in Vienna, where the revised "Mandela Rules" governing international conditions of confinement were approved.

He has accepted a job as vice president of corrections at

Seattle Street Jam

Cory Vanlew tries to jump as many boxes as he can without knocking them down during the annual Seattle Street Jam v4, a scooter competition, held Sept. 27 by Garfield High School.



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Management Training Corporation (MTC), based in Salt Lake City.

MTC is a private, family owned company that primarily operates correctional programs and Job Corp Centers within the United States and internationally.

It operates 25 facilities in eight states that house 30,000 offenders as well as probation services for 40,000 offenders in the United Kingdom.

Board Issues Marijuana Rules, Announces Retail License Schedule

The Washington State Liquor and Cannabis Board (WSLCB) today adopted emergency rules and issued new draft rules to begin the public process of aligning the medical marijuana market with the existing recreational market.

The Board's actions are the result of 2015 legislation, the Cannabis Patient Protection Act, which established a priority system for licensing existing medical marijuana outlets. The emergency rules, which are effective immediately, allow the WSLCB to begin the process of licensing new retail outlets that may sell both medical and recreational marijuana. Existing recreational stores may also apply for an endorsement to sell both.

Tentative times and locations for the public hearings are available in the Marijuana 2015 section of the WSLCB website at lcb.wa.gov.

In a separate action, the WSLCB will today notify exist-

ing producers that the restriction of their license to grow at 70 percent of capacity has been lifted.

Following WSLCB staff approval, licensed producers may grow to 100 percent of capacity, limited to a single license.

Previously, growers were restricted to keep production within the estimated limits of the recreational market to prevent over-production and diversion of product out of state.

Preventing diversion is one of eight enforcement guidelines issued by United States Department of Justice in a memo to states which choose to legalize marijuana.

The WSLCB has temporarily lifted the restriction to allow licensed producers to meet the demand expected with the opening of new retail stores. A new cap will be applied at a later date.

People's Climate Seattle March Takes Place Oct. 14

For the march, Got Green is forming Womxn of Color and Young Workers' contingents as an intentional space led by People of Color and front line grassroots communities. Families and allies are welcome to march with us.

On Oct. 14th, meet us at 5PM at the bottom of the City Hall Steps.

(March begins at 5:30PM and leads to Occidental Park.) For more information or to join the contingency, contact Hodan@gotgreen.org.

SEATTLE COMMUNITY CALENDAR 2015



If you have an event you want to share with the community, email it two weeks in advance to The Skanner at info@theskanner.com

Saturday, October 3

FIREFIGHTERS OPEN HOUSE KICKS OFF IN A FLASH: The Bellevue Fire Department in support of Fire Prevention Week (Oct. 4 – 10) will host its annual open house with tours and opportunities to learn CPR, discharge a fire extinguisher and try on bunker gear at all nine stations from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Visitors can have free cookies and refreshments, and ask firefighters lots of questions. Bellevue.

DOGTOBERFEST AT KANDLE PARK: Soundview Veterinary Hospital hosts a community celebration each year in October called Dogtoberfest. There are vendors, live music, food & refreshments, and an off leash area for dogs. 11 a.m. – 4 p.m. Kandle Park, 2323 N. Shirley St., Tacoma.

CARNIVAL AT THE ISLAND SCHOOL: The 32nd annual at The Island School is open to the public and fun for all ages. Come join us for carnival games, delicious food, and a used book sale. Noon – 4 p.m. The Island School, 8553 NE Day Rd. Bainbridge Island.

Sunday, October 4

12TH ANNUAL CROATIAFEST: This event features continuous live performances on the main stage, authentic Croatian food booths, cooking demonstrations, Croatian market and much more. Free admission. This is an all-day event that opens at 10 a.m. Seattle Center Armory, 305 Harrison St.

Wednesday October 7

FAMILY HEALTH & FITNESS NIGHT: This event promotes health and fitness among families by supporting physical activities and offering information about health options. All ages welcome, open to the public. Cost is free. 6 p.m. – 7:30 p.m., Stevenson Elementary School, 14220 NE 8th St.

Thursday, October 8

THE 38TH FILM NOIR SERIES AT SEATTLE ART MUSEUM:

Ride the Pink House: Night falls, and you come alive, the woman, the money the chance of a lifetime – or a ticket to the big sleep. Movie starts at 7:30 p.m. Tickets available at the ticket desk at the Seattle Art Museum or Asian Art Museum. Show is at the Seattle Art Museum, 1300 1st Ave.

HELP SHAPE HOW UPTOWN GROWS: FRAMEWORK FOR THE FUTURE THE UPTOWN PLANNING OPEN HOUSE: If you live or work in the neighborhood, you won't want to miss this event! You'll have an opportunity to: Get a copy of the draft Uptown Urban Design Framework, provide environmental Impact Study and so much more. 5:30 p.m. – 8 p.m., Allen Foundation for the Arts Room at Marion McCaw Hall, 321 Mercer St.

Saturday, October 10

FREE HOME BUYER WORKSHOP – MARYSVILLE: Learn about: The steps to today's buying process, first-time homebuyer tax credit, the common mistakes many buyers make and much more. 10:30 a.m., Marysville Public Library, 6120 Grove St., Marysville.