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Dads for Children's Healthcare, a 501(c)(3) organization, has been formed by a group of dads from the East Bay. Our goal is to assist organizations like Children's Hospital in Oakland, California to maintain and enhance the highest quality of medical care. For 2009 our goal is to purchase multiple, much-needed Drager Babytherm Warming Tables for Children's Hospital Oakland. These Warming Tables provide a unique thermal environment to care for critically ill newborns. If you would like to contribute to this cause, please join us at our Winemaker's Tasting, Dinner and Fundraiser Orinda Country Club, Friday, May 1. Call 925-906-5358 or email us at dads4ch@comcast.net or www.dads4children.org

Bay Area Cancer Forum - A gathering of health care providers, researchers, patients, patient advocates, friends and families - Understanding a Diagnosis of Her2 Positive Breast Cancer. Peggy Mueller, MS,

RN, OCN. Physicians and scientists now know that breast cancer is not one disease but many different diseases that may present and act differently according to their genetic make-up. Women with Her2 positive breast cancer may require a specialized approach to treatment management. Please join the forum to learn these important facts. Tuesday, May 5, 6:15-7:45 PM. Markstein Cancer Services, Providence Pavilion, 3100 Summit Street, Oakland. No fee but space is limited, registration requested. Call the Markstein Cancer Education Services (510) 869-8833 to reserve your space.

Dancers for Breast Cancer Awareness luncheon and fashion show to benefit funding of free mammograms and breast cancer screening for uninsured/underinsured women in our area will be held Thursday, May 7 from 2:00 - 4:00 at Metro Lafayette. Fashion show will feature outfits from the Rhythm Room Eco-Boutique

and Atlas Menswear as well as performances by Rhythm Room Dance companies. Tickets \$75.00 per person available at www.dancers4cancer.eventbrite.com For more information, contact Vicki Hurst at (925) 768-5781.

Julia Morgan, Architect is a performance about Miss Morgan's struggle to become an architect and her lifelong involvement with women's philanthropic organizations. Betty Marvin, a professional historian, who bases her Julia Morgan impersonation on extensive research, will perform this portrayal. On Fri. May 8th, this will be at the Moraga Community Center, Hacienda, La Sala Bldg. from 1-3 pm. The cost is \$15 for non-members and \$13 for members. To register contact Emeritus College (925) 906-9105.

May 9 - USPS Food Drive - Mail carriers will collect donated boxed and canned food along their regular routes that will go to the Food Bank.

SMC Staging the Musical Sweeney Todd

By Andrea A. Firth



SMC Performing Arts Department students Katherine Cooper as Mrs. Lovett and Andrew Galindo as Sweeney Todd. Photo Michael Cook

"It's a thriller. Very intense, very creepy, and very funny," says Saint Mary's College (SMC) Professor Reid Davis about SMC's upcoming production of Stephen Sondheim's musical *Sweeney Todd, The Barber of Fleet Street*. "It's a gorgeous show. The actors are remarkable, and the singing is beautiful," adds Davis who will provide stage direction alongside San Fran-

cisco-based musical director Armando Fox.

Sweeney Todd, based on the urban legend of the murderous barber seeking revenge and his entrepreneurial neighbor, Mrs. Lovett, who seizes upon the corpses to bolster her meat pie business, is a play that everyone can relate to according to Davis. "Sondheim said that Sweeney's a very human charac-

ter," notes Davis. "He is all of us when we seek revenge. Sweeney's tragedy is everyone's tragedy. Who hasn't been betrayed?" he adds.

Davis believes the production has provided a rich educational experience for his student performers as he has pushed them to be introspective and explore the deeper meaning of what he describes as a witty satire on human consumption. Plays with challenging themes and a humorous twist are familiar turf for Davis who also directed SMC's Performing Arts Department performance of *Urinetown* in 2007 and *Twelfth Night* last year. The *Sweeney Todd* cast will be led by SMC senior and veteran actor Katherine Cooper, as Mrs. Lovett, and freshman stand-out Andrew Galindo as Todd.

Performances will be held in LeFevre Theatre on the Saint Mary's College campus in Moraga on April 16-18 at 8 p.m.; April 23-25 at 8 p.m.; and a Sunday matinee on April 26 at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$12 for non Saint Mary's students, and \$15 for general admissions. For further information, contact the Performing Arts Department at (925) 631-4670.

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Saint Mary's College Campus Happenings



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THEATER

The Saint Mary's College Performing Arts Department presents a deliciously demonic evening of musical theatre, Stephen Sondheim's "Sweeney Todd, The Demon Barber of Fleet Street" featuring a cast of Saint Mary's devilishly talented performing arts students. LeFevre Theatre- April 16 -April 26, \$15 General Admission. Please call (925) 631-4670 for show times and tickets. See story above.

MUSIC

Friday, April 17 at 8 p.m. in the Chapel Soprano Christine Wong accompanied by Renee Witon. Singing the works of G.F. Handel, Franz Schubert, W.A. Mozart and E. Charles. Free admission.

Monday, April 27 at 8 p.m. in the Chapel. Classical Guitarist Kyle Bon-

derud and Soprano Karina Gillette. Kyle Bonderud to perform the works of J.S. Bach, Leo Brouwer and Heitor Villa-Lobos. Karina Gillette singing the works of J. Brahms, C. Debussy, and Heitor Villa-Lobos. Free admission.

Saint Mary's Jazz Band Spring Recital directed by John Maltester Thursday, April 30 at 8 p.m. in the Soda Center and Wednesday, May 6 at 1 p.m. in the Quad. Free admission.

Saint Mary's Dance Company Spring Concert choreographed by Catherine-Marie Davalos, Jia Wu, Dana Lawton, Rosana Barragan, Paco Gomes, Pope Flynn and Shauna Vella. Thursday, May 7, Friday, May 8, and Saturday, May 9 at 8 p.m. Admission is \$5 for SMC students; \$8 for non-SMC students; and \$10 dollars for general admission.

A Night in the Piazza What: Join the celebration at this festive Italian Cultural Night event. Italian pasta, pastries, music dance and Dolce Vita.

When: Tuesday, April 21, from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Where: An Italian piazza recreated on the Chapel Plaza, Saint Mary's College of CA, 1928 St. Mary's Rd., Moraga. Sponsors: Dante Club, Admissions Office, Modern Languages Department, Performing Arts Department, and Mission & Ministry. Free food, music, dance and opera choruses!

2ND ANNUAL SMC 5K RUN 4 HUNGER

What: 2nd Annual SMC 5K Run 4 Hunger. Raise your heartrate, raise awareness, and raise support for those who are suffering from local and global hunger.

When: Sunday, April 26, 2 p.m. (Check in by 1:30 p.m.)

Where: Ferroggiaro Quad., Saint Mary's College of California, 1928 St. Mary's Rd., Moraga.

Entrance Fee \$5.00 for SMC students OR \$10.00 for SMC staff, faculty, & Lamorinda community members. Contact: Ryan M. Lamberton, Community Engagement Coordinator, CILSA, RML4@stmarys-ca.edu or (925) 631-4015.

HEARST GALLERY

The Hearst Art Gallery's new exhibition- Sacred Mountain: Images of Mt. Diablo and Mt. Fuji, on view from May 2 through July 3. Opening Events 2 PM, Sun., May 3- Lecture: Preserving and Protecting Diablo.

Exhibition hours: Wednesdays through Sundays, 11 am until 4:30 pm
Admission: \$3 adult; children 12 and under free; free parking
Web site: <http://gallery.stmarys-ca.edu>. Telephone: 925-631-4379

For more information about upcoming events at Saint Mary's College, visit the college website at <http://www.stmarys-ca.edu/news-and-events/events.html>.

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