

Department of Theatre Graduate Acting Recitals to be held

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UCSD GRADUATE ACTING STUDENTS TO PERFORM IN RECITALS ON JAN. 7-8

Eight graduate acting students at the University of California, San Diego will bring together all of their dramatic skills Jan. 7-8 to perform in the Department of Theatre Graduate Acting Recitals at the Warren Theatre.

These presentations are a highlight of the students' three-year careers at UCSD, preparing them to audition before critics, agents, television network and movie scouts this spring, in Los Angeles and New York City.

The students will perform their work in two ensembles each night, in an A-B/B-A order, at 5 p.m. and again at 8 p.m. Admission is free.

Arthur Wagner, professor of acting, said the students are given an assignment to develop individual programs which are 18-20 minutes long. The programs must contain a minimum of five selections--four from dramatic literature, and one from poetry or prose. The dramatic selections represent literature from contemporary and classical theatre, he said. And all of the students sing.

The Graduate Acting Recitals are a proving ground for the students, according to Wagner, and are "harder than any audition, because an audition is only five minutes long. They will be out there on their own for 20 minutes."

The graduate students are: Monica Buckley, Deryl Caitlyn, Giovanni Felicioni, Craig Green, Ivan G'Vera, Carolyn Sweeney and Matthew Wright.

The students have been acting in UCSD productions for the past two years, and many of them were already members of professional actors' guilds by the time they entered the Master of Fine Arts program at UCSD.

Graduate acting students from the American Conservatory Theatre in San Francisco, and the National Theatre Conservatory of the Denver Theatre Center, will join with the UCSD graduate acting students in presenting their audition material at Los Angeles, in March, and again at New York City, in April.

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