

UCSD to show "The Secret Garden" presented by members of Theatreworks/USA on April 20

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UCSD TO PRESENT THEATREWORKS/USA'S "THE SECRET GARDEN" APRIL 20, IN THE MANDEVILLE AUDITORIUM

"The Secret Garden," Frances Hodgson Burnett's classic book, will come to life when the members of Theatreworks/USA present this much-loved children's story, at 8 p.m. Friday, April 20 in the University of California, San Diego's Mandeville Auditorium.

General admission is \$8, students \$6, and seniors \$7; tickets may be purchased at the UCSD Box Office (534-4559) or from TicketMaster outlets. For group rates call 534-6467.

The heroine, Mary Lennox, grew up in India until the death of her parents left her orphaned. She is sent to England to live in an old manor house on a windswept Yorkshire moor, with a remote and forbidding uncle. The housekeeper is stern and tyrannical; Mary's sleep is interrupted nightly by strange, unexplained cries.

Left to her own devices, she takes up exploring the grounds and finds an abandoned garden, locked and overgrown. Her uncle's son, Colin, an invalid, also feels neglected, and the two befriend Dickon, a local boy. The garden becomes their sanctuary--a magical haven for the trio.

The play's score is by Kim Oler, lyrics by Alison Hubbard. The direction is by Robert Jess Roth, settings by Stanley A. Meyer, and costumes by Deborah Rooney.

Theatreworks is one of the country's leading theatrical organizations that creates, produces and tours professional productions for young and family audiences. During its 26 years, Theatreworks has presented more than 19,000 performances to more than 16 million persons in the continental United States. The company has helped to launch the careers of such performers as Henry Winkler, Sherman Hemsley, John Glover, and F. Murray Abraham.

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