

Shimer College students perform 'Eurydice,' more shows added

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For those unfamiliar with the Cinderella lounge at Shimer College, let me be the one to tell you it isn't the best space for a complicated play like *Eurydice* by Sarah Ruhl.

That disclaimer aside when the audience was allowed into the lounge for the play's opening night it was clear that director Josh Sobel wouldn't be slowed down by an awkward space with questionable lighting. Creating a center stage with audience on either side *Eurydice* utilized the entire room to the tale of two lovers separated by death. The engaging

use of space only allows for a limited audience but the audience that is present will be treated to an intimate show full of emotion.

One of the beautiful aspects of Sarah Ruhl's play is the dialogue that manages to be sweet and innocent despite dark undertones of sexual assault and death. Lynn Lee does an amazing job as the titular *Eurydice* navigating her way through the world of the dead relearning everything that allows her to connect to her living husband and deceased father. Mark Surya gives a phenomenal performance as *Eurydice's* father whose love for his daughter is as much the work of legend as Orpheus' love for his wife.

The relationships depicted in the play are made stronger no doubt by the close community that the actors all belong to as Shimer students.

The affection between characters is heartbreakingly believable as they work to find and keep one another safe. The world of the dead is populated by the main characters of our play and a duo of stones played by Mey Lee and Jo Becker, who work wonderfully and eerily as a team of rule enforcers.

As the villain of the play, August Lysy, is sure to make everyone in the room uncomfortable as a force of danger and lust in this world and the next. The soft pacing

and gentle world of the play is loudly and aggressively disrupted by Lysy's two lecherous characters.

With a spectacular cast, wonderful dialogue, and ingenious staging and lighting; *Eurydice* is not the play I expected to see, it was even better. I strongly recommend this tragic and sweet play for anyone who has an interest in mythology or romance with a slight tinge of horror.

For those who are kicking themselves for not seeing the play when it initially ran this past weekend director Josh Sobel has decided to add two more dates to the run this coming weekend.

IIT-SIAM visits Argonne National Laboratory

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On Friday, SIAM student chapters from the Illinois Institute of Technology, the University of Illinois at Chicago, and Northwestern University converged 25 miles southwest of Chicago at the Argonne National Laboratory, one of the U.S. Department of Energy's largest laboratories for science and engineering research.

The visit was hosted by the Math & Computer Science Division, and consisted of research presentations from Argonne postdocs and senior researchers as well as tours of the Advanced Photon Source and the Argonne Leadership Computing Facility, both world-class resources for cutting-edge research. Since the 2012 SIAM Annual Meeting in Minneapolis, these three Chicago-area student chapters have been working closely together to organize more collaborative events.

In addition to this visit, the chapters are organizing a Chicago-area SIAM Student Conference on April 27-28, hosted at UIC. This conference will feature three plenary speakers, a career panel, and research presentations from students in applied mathematics and other related disciplines. It will be the first in a series of annual conferences jointly organized by the three student chapters, hosted at each university in turn, and was inspired by the IIT SIAM Student Chapter Conference in October 2011.

At Argonne, the research staff encouraged students to apply for paid summer research positions that are available to graduate and undergraduate students. The MCS division also employs a large number of postdoctoral researchers, and Argonne was recently chosen as one of the best places in the U.S. to work as a postdoc. This year marks the start of many collaborative efforts among SIAM student chapters across the country, and is an exciting time to be a member. Membership is always

free for students; contact your local chapter for details.

spMore information about the SIAM student conference can be found at www.cassc2013.com. For research opportunities at Argonne National Laboratory, visit www.dep.anl.gov.



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Galvin Library prepares for National Library Week events

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Galvin Library will be hosting a couple of exciting events in the coming weeks! The first event is National Library Week, which is April 14 to 20.

In honor of and to increase awareness of the library, one of our Undergraduate Research Specialists has put together a series of events to be held on the MTCC Bridge. It should be fun for students to interact and give their feedback, as well as get snacks and refreshments in between class. All events will take place between 12:40 and 1:50 p.m. on the MTCC Bridge. The following is a list of events being planned:

Monday:

Share your library favorites (we'll create a collection of favorite books, databases and resources suggested by students and faculty)

Tuesday:

Show us what you know (trivia game with prizes)

Wednesday:

Build your community with books (organizations that use books and literacy to better their communities such as Better World Books, World Book Night, etc.)

Thursday:

Your Opinion Matters: tell us about your library (feedback on the library, your opinions and thoughts)

The second event is World Book

Night. This is the first year we are participating in World Book Night, an event to spread literacy and reading to non-readers in the community by giving out books provided free by publishers <http://www.us.worldbooknight.org/>.

The Galvin Library has 14 people who signed up to be book givers and distribute books. These 14 include staff, students, a person each from Shimer and VanderCook and a few members of the community, all of whom will be invited to a reception on Wednesday, April 17th from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m., in which they can pick-up their chosen title and meet other givers. All of the books will have information about nearby public libraries where the book recipients can obtain additional reading materials, but this is a great opportunity for

the IIT community to participate at no cost in a service project in our community. The titles chosen and which will be on hand at the reception for pickup by givers is eclectic: *Bossypants*, *Fahrenheit 451*, *The Alchemist*, *A Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur's Court*, *Looking for Alaska*, *Playing for Pizza* and *Still Alice*.

In a great surprise opportunity, through ALA we were given tickets to the Lookingglass Theatre's production of *Still Alice* (visit http://lookingglasstheatre.org/content/box_office/still_alice) to gift in a raffle to our givers.

This should be a fun night of book lovers and community service coming together. The group will be meeting in the Kemper Room on the upper level. Hope to see you there!