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News and Events

"King Gimp" to Visit GSU

The College of Health and Human Services is presenting a film screening and discussion with Dan Keplinger who suffers from cerebral palsy, yet is an acclaimed artist and both the on-screen subject and writer of *King Gimp* - an HBO film that won an Oscar for Best Documentary Short Subject in 2000.

The film's title aptly describes Keplinger himself, who says, "Most people think gimp means someone with a lame walk. But gimp also means a fighting spirit."

Keplinger will bring his remarkable tale of perseverance, determination and fighting spirit to Governors State University on Wednesday, October 22.

Keplinger's award-winning documentary, *King Gimp*, will be screened at 3 p.m. and 4:15 p.m. in Sherman Recital Hall. At 5:30 p.m., Keplinger will host a meet-the-artist discussion entitled "Keys to Success." For additional information, call 708.534.7290.

Enjoy the Music for Free

Chicago College of Performing Arts at Roosevelt University will open its seventh season at the Center for Performing Arts on Tuesday, October 14, at 7:30 p.m.

Jay Friedman, principal guest conductor, and the CCPA Symphony Orchestra will perform *In Nature's Realm, opus 9* by Antonin Dvorak, *Lemminkainen and the Maidens of the Island, Opus 22, No 1* by Jean Sibelius, and *Symphony No. 4, opus 29 (The Inextinguishable)* by Carl Nielsen. A pre-concert talk with Associate Dean/Director Linda Berna begins at 7:15 p.m.

This concert is free and open to the public.

Emotional Wellness

While we may take a vitamin a day, try to eat a balanced meal, and get some exercise, taking care of our emotional health often takes a back seat to the demands of daily living.

To address this tendency, and in recognition of Emotional Wellness Month in October, the College of Arts and Sciences is sponsoring an Emotional Wellness Workshop on October 28, from 5 to 7 p.m., in E-Lounge at GSU. The workshop will be led by Dr. Sharon Hudson, adjunct faculty in communications.

Workshop topics include nurturing a positive attitude, reducing stress, balancing work and family life, and relaxation, laughter, and fun.

The workshop is free and open to the public. For more information, contact [Sheree Sanderson](#) at x3956.

Going, Going, Gone

The Friends of the GSU Library is sponsoring several activities designed to delight the palette, entertain the mind, and please the bargain hunter. A chocolate themed bake sale will be held on October 14, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. A silent auction featuring many wonderful items, from restaurant gift certificates and sports memorabilia to artwork and toys, will be on display on October 15, from noon to 7 p.m. And a used book sale will be held on October 16, from noon to 7 p.m. All events take place in the Hall of Governors.

For more information and a list of the items for sale in the silent auction, visit the Friends of the [GSU Library website](#).

Chief of the Juvenile Justice Bureau

As part of the College of Arts and Science's Distinguished Lecture Series, Kathleen Bankhead, Chief, Juvenile Justice Bureau for the Cook County State's Attorney's Office, will discuss the need for restorative justice practices and peer mediation in resolving conflicts and related concerns in the courts, schools, homes, and communities on Wednesday, October 15, at 6 p.m., in Engbretson Hall. This event is free and open to the public.

Bankhead has long been dedicated to issues surrounding justice for children and families. In her current position, she is responsible for 85 lawyers, as well as the children, families, and citizens served in the Child Protection and Juvenile Justice (Delinquency) Divisions. She has worked in the State's Attorney's Office since 1990. Her work has included prosecution of both child protection and juvenile justice cases, prosecution of hundreds of felony trials, supervision of courts and staff

handling allegations of child abuse, neglect, and delinquency. She is also actively involved in division-wide training.

Enjoy the Art for Free, Too

Waiting for a Renaissance: The Southeast Side, an art exhibition by Alonso Balderas, will be on display from October 13 to 22, in the Visual Arts Gallery. A reception celebrating Balderas work will be held on October 17, from 6 to 9 p.m., at the gallery.

The photomontages and collages on exhibit consist of vintage black and white and contemporary color photographs pieced together to create a provoking, political commentary on Chicago's southeast side.

Balderas is a native the southwest side who works to bring change to his former community. He is currently in the process of completing his Master's of Fine Arts degree at GSU. Balderas teaches English and theater arts at J. Sterling Morton High School in Berwyn.

The Visual Arts Gallery is located in E-Wing and is open Monday through Thursday, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is free. For more information, call x4021.

AIG Representative

John Olson, the AIG retirement representative, will be on campus on to address questions and concerns on Wednesday, October 22, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., in the Visitors' Center, Room D1408. AIG Retirement is one of five vendors under GSU's Tax Deferred Annuity 403(b) Retirement Savings Plan.

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