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News and Events

[Comedy Sensation Opens CPA Season on Friday](#)



Get your tickets today for *Broadway's Next H!T Musical*, the smash hit that opens the 2012-2013 season at Governors State University Center for Performing Arts. *Broadway's Next H!T Musical* comes to GSU Center for one night only on Friday, September 21, at 8 p.m.

Master improvisers collect made-up song suggestions from the audience and create a spontaneous evening of music, humor, and laughter. The audience picks a favorite song and the cast turns it into a full-blown improvised musical - complete with memorable characters, witty dialogue, and plot twists.

To purchase tickets, or for further information, contact the box office at www.centertickets.net or 708.235.2222.

[E-blasts Need to Follow ADA Guidelines](#)

Today's technology offers many ways to promote university events. Internal e-mail blasts are a convenient way to share your message with a large group of students, faculty, and staff. In order to assure that e-blasts are accessible by all members of the GSU community, the university's Web Oversight Committee has developed guidelines pursuant to ADA regulations.

[Download](#) the Internal E-Blast Procedure.

Please note that all internal e-blasts must have the approval of a department/division supervisor before distribution. For additional information or assistance with the new procedure, contact [Lindsay Gladstone](#) in the Office of Marketing and Communications.

[Pierre Takes an Alaskan Cruise Table Wizard](#)



At the Clan House

Pierre, the GSU Penguin, took an exciting Alaskan cruise this summer with Mary Beth Deppe, an undergraduate social work student, and 14 members of her family. They visited Juneau, Sitka, and Ketchikan, where Pierre examined totem poles and a native clan house at Totem Bight State Historical Park.

Pierre felt right at home – well, mostly – in the Alaskan waters. In Juneau, the group went

on a whale watching boat. A group of eight humpback whales came so close “that we could almost touch them while they were doing their graceful dives and majestic tail flips,” Mary Beth said, The boat also came across two female Orcas who were teaching a young whale how to hunt, a behavior that the group’s veteran guide said he and his crew had never witnessed before. At that particular moment, Pierre was very glad he was on the boat.



Ahoy, Whales

[Voter Registration Continues](#)

The GSU Student Senate is sponsoring a voter registration drive through September 27. Registrars will be available from 1 to 7 p.m., Mondays through Thursdays, in the Hall of Governors or front entrance atrium.

Registering to vote takes only minutes and requires two forms of identification, including one with current address. Previously registered voters are reminded that they need to re-register if they have moved.

[Webinar Focuses on Classroom Disability Services](#)

GSU’s Office of Disability Services is offering a webinar, Supporting ADA Accommodations: Manageable Solutions for Faculty, on Thursday, September 27 from noon to 1:30 p.m. in the Hall of Honors. The webinar is specifically designed for faculty and offers specific ideas and information on how best to facilitate necessary and appropriate Americans With Disabilities Act accommodations in the classroom.

This program will give faculty the information and ideas necessary to successfully aid students in their academic process. Participants will discuss the following 10 areas in a solution-focused manner:

- What is a disability?
- The application and review process for services
- What are reasonable and unreasonable accommodations?
- The dangers of beginning but not completing an accommodation
- How to handle mid-semester requests
- Disorders for extended test time
- Disorders for note-takers
- Common accommodations for Asperger's Disorder
- How to handle technology and access requests
- Good accommodation ideas for everyone

Participants will learn about common disability accommodations related to mental health

disorders, how to work with students making a disability request, how to differentiate between reasonable and unreasonable requests, how to work in tandem with the ADA office and student, and the importance of handling requests in a solution-focused manner.

The webinar speaker, Dr. Brian Van Brunt, has worked in the counseling field for more than 15 years and currently serves as Director of Counseling and Testing at Western Kentucky University.

Interested persons should contact [Robin Sweeney](#) at 708.235.3968.

Career and Internship Fair – September 27

The Office of Career Services is sponsoring a career fair for people interested in careers in business, communications, and technology. In addition to employment opportunities, the fair will also include internship opportunities.

The 2012 Business/Communications/Technology Career and Internship Fair is on Thursday, September 27, from 2 to 5 p.m., in the Hall of Governors.

Current students, alumni, and community members are invited to attend. The event is free. Potential employers are also invited to register as participants. This is an opportunity to match jobs and internships positions with qualified personnel.

This event is free and open to the public. For more information or to register, call 708.235.3974.

Digital Filmmaking Discussion

Dan Nearing will participate in a panel discussion on the effects of digital process on filmmaking at the Gene Siskel Film Center, today, after the screening of the documentary, *Side by Side*. The film explores the effects of the digital revolution through

clips and interviews. The screening begins at 6 p.m. with the discussion following the 99 minute film.

Nearing, a GSU Associate Professor and Academic Coordinator of Independent Film and Digital Imaging, will be join a panel that includes Barbara Scharres, Director of Programming for the Gene Siskel Film Center; Ben Sachs, film critic for the Chicago Reader; and Daniel Eisenberg, Professor of Film, Video, New Media, and Animation at the School of the Art Institute of Chicago. Alison Cuddy, WBEZ 91.5 FM host and contributor, will moderate.



Dan Nearing

The Gene Siskel Film Center is located at 164 North State Street, Chicago.

Colleague Users Group Meets Wednesday

The first meeting of the Colleague Users Group (CUG) is on Wednesday, September 19, at 2 p.m. in Room D34115.

CUG will provide a monthly forum for GSU community members to share and discuss their experiences using the system. All are welcome to join the group.

Please come to share your experiences, comments, questions and to learn more about the system. The forum includes a short presentation, Licensing: What does it mean to me?

Contact the [Colleague Project Office](#) with any questions about the meeting.

Student Leadership Institute

GSU students can apply to participate in the Student Leadership Institute (SLI), a co-curricular certificate program designed for upper-class students looking for leadership development opportunities that will contribute to their personal development and help achieve their leadership potential.

Applications for the certificate program will be accepted October 1 through November 1. Interested persons can [apply here](#).

Students must be currently enrolled and in good standing. Participating students will be selected based on information submitted in their application

For additional information visit <http://www.govst.edu/leadershipinstitute/>.

Before and After Deployment

A free public forum, *Before and After Deployment: Trauma and the Impact on the Military Family*, will be held on Monday, October 29, from 3 to 6:30 p.m. in the GSU Center for Performing Arts.

This event is being sponsored by the College of Health and Human Services, the Department of Social Work, the College of Education, Governors State University Intellectual Life Committee, the University Honors Program and the Wounded Warriors Project.

Featured speakers and their topics include:

- Michael Johnson: Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD)
- Marquell Smith: Gay, Lesbian, Bi-sexual and Transgender (GLBT) persons serving under the Don't Ask Don't Tell (DADT) Policy
- Nicole McCoy: Women serving in leadership roles in the military
- Sharon Orsborn: Family members of combat victims
- Adam Widner, Wounded Warrior Project: After Deployment - Warriors to Work through Economic Empowerment

RSVP for this event by contacting Michael Griffin at 630.201.3485, or militaryforum2@yahoo.com. Please leave your name, e-mail address, and the number of people who will be attending.

Ways of Making: Sculpture

The GSU Visual Arts Gallery presents *Ways of Making: Sculpture* through October 6. The exhibition is being presented in conjunction with events at the International Sculpture Center Convention in Chicago and Nathan Manilow Sculpture Park at GSU.



Husk - Barbara Cooper

The exhibition features featuring Chicago-area artists Juan Angel Chavez, Barbara Cooper, Bob Emser, and Vivian Visser. It is the fourth in the series that focuses on the art program's offerings at GSU. The exhibit was curated by gallery director Jeff Stevenson. "I was looking for artists and pieces that would demonstrate a wide range of materials and techniques but at the same time result in a cohesive show," Stevenson said.

The use of shadows and the reserved use of color unite the artists' work throughout the exhibition, he said.

The closing reception, on Saturday, October 6, from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m., will honor the artists. It will also coincide with the Nathan Manilow Sculpture Park Iron Pour and the International Sculpture Center Convention in Chicago. Convention attendees will be bused to GSU's campus on Saturday, October 6 to enjoy the festivities.

Regular gallery hours are Monday through Thursday from 1 to 7 p.m.; Friday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.; and by appointment. Further information is available at 708.534.4021, www.govst.edu/gallery, and on Facebook.

Safety First

In the interest of personal safety as well as preservation of GSU property, FDM would like to remind the GSU community that moving of furniture, equipment, or other permanent objects by persons other than FDM staff is strictly prohibited. Doing so may subject the college, unit, or sponsoring organization to a grievance charge with monetary consequences. Only items with rollers/casters may be moved within a classroom or office.

For assistance, call 708.534.4515.

Recovery Walk Steps Off Saturday

Put your feet to good use and take a walk. The Governors State University Addictions Studies Alumni Club and the GSU Alumni Association are sponsoring the Walk for Recovery on Saturday, September 22. This event celebrates National Recovery Month. The Recovery Walk is a two-mile walk around the GSU campus and the Nathan Manilow Sculpture Park.

In addition to the walk there will be door prizes, refreshments, music and entertainment, and a resource fair.

Featured speakers include Peter Palanca, GSU senior lecturer in addictions studies and Executive Vice President and COO of TASC, Inc.; Theodora Binion, Director of the Illinois Division of Alcohol and Substance Abuse; Dr. Groove, inspirational spoken word artist; and comedian Tommy Connolly.

Admission is free and there is no charge to participate in the walk. Registration is from 8 to 9 a.m. The program begins at 9 a.m. and the walk begins at 10 a.m.

For more information, call Alumni Relations at 708.534.4128.

[See It on Netflix](#)

The highly-acclaimed film made by GSU faculty, staff, students, and others, *The Last Soul on a Summer Night* will be available for download on Netflix in early October. The film was previously called *Chicago Heights*.

The name of the film was changed at the distributor's request and with the input of the filmmakers, Associate Professor Dan Nearing and Assistant Professor Sang Hoon Lee. The name comes from the book *Winesburg, Ohio* by Sherwood Anderson, on which the film is based.



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