



Opera Magnifica Will Include Happily Ever After Scenes, Ill-fated Endings

OCC's Opera Magnifica 2016 will see students performing scenes with happy endings ... and some with not-so-happy endings. The program, titled Happy We! Scenes With Both the *Happily Ever After ... and Ill-fated Endings* will run from Feb. 26-28 in the Music Rectial Hall, with show times at 7 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, and 3 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday.

"This year I borrowed from an old favorite title of mine — 'Happy We!' — knowing I could program a great opening number entitled 'Oh Happy We!' from *Candide* and a closing 'Happy, Happy We' from the Handel opera *Acis and Galatea*," said director Susan Ali. "To balance the program, I came up with the subtitle *Happily Ever After ... and Ill-fated Endings!*"

OCC's Opera Magnifica is an annual event featuring student singers performing memorable scenes from several centuries' worth of favorite operas. This year's performance will include scenes from *Pirates of Penzance*, *Così fan tutte*, *Le Nozze di Figaro*, *Hansel & Gretel*, and more. Auditions were held last fall, and the program was compiled based on things like the students' voice types, character types and acting abilities.

"The scenes are a little more difficult this year so that students may experience growth as they learn different types of opera and operetta repertoire during their time at OCC," Ali said.

Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased at www.occtickets.com

OCC Fills Key Positions On Campus as Spring Semester Begins

The Coast Community College's Board of Trustees has approved Ms. Tanisha L. Bradfield as Orange Coast College's Director of Financial Aid, Dr. Stanley E. Francus as the Interim Vice President of Student Services, and Ms. Thuy Nguyen as Executive Assistant to the President as of Jan. 21.

Ms. Bradfield is bringing to OCC more than seven years of experience in administration of federal, state, and institutional policies and procedures related to financial aid, scholarships, and veteran services. Most recently, she has served as a Compliance Counselor at California State

University, Fullerton managing teams and budget ensuring excellent standing in their financial aid programs.

Dr. Francus has 36 years of experience as a community college administrator leading a broad range of instructional, student services, and administrative functions. In the course of his administrative career at Long Beach City College, Dr. Francus served as Extension Campus Dean, Dean of Admissions and Records, Dean of Academic Affairs, Interim Vice President of Academic Affairs, and Vice President of Planning and Governmental Relations. During his post-retirement, he twice served as the Interim Vice President of Student Services including here at the Coast Community College District.

Ms. Nguyen has been with Coast Community College District for the past 14 years. She has served on two campuses, Orange

Calendar

- Feb. 17 — Into Her Own: Diane Nelson and Forty Years of Art Opening Reception**
Frank M. Doyle Arts Pavilion, 5 p.m.
- Feb. 20 — Men's Crew Alumni Dinner**
Student Center Lounge, 6 p.m.
- Feb. 20 & 21 — The Return of the 24-Hour Play Festival**
Drama Lab Studio, 7:30 p.m.
- Feb. 26 & 27 — OCC Opera Magnifica**
Music Rectial Hall, 7 p.m.
- Feb. 27 & 28 — OCC Opera Magnifica**
Music Rectial Hall, 3 p.m.
- March 2 — Artist Talk with Diane Nelson**
Frank M. Doyle Arts Pavilion, 5 p.m.
- Save the Date!**
- March 5 — OCC Symphony**
Robert B. Moore Theatre, 7:30 p.m.

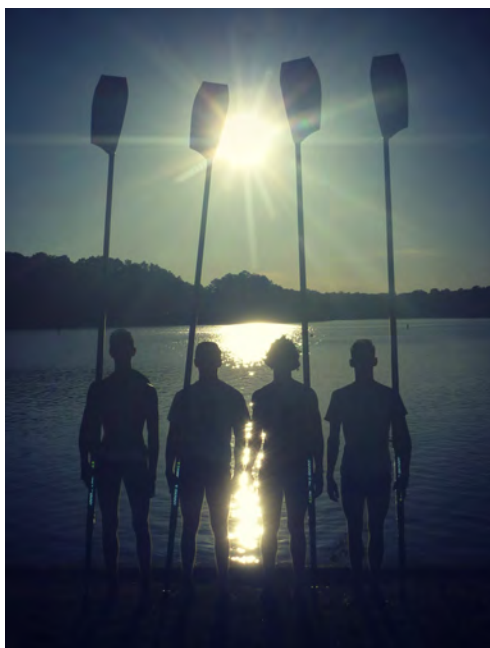


Coast College and Coastline Community College. She started as an Office Operations Coordinator for the Dean of Student Services at CCC and moved to OCC as the Division Office Coordinator for the Mathematics & Sciences Division. Recently, she served as the Executive Assistant to the Vice Chancellor of Administrative Services managing daily operations including compiling and preparing statistical and financial reports and serving as a liaison to the campuses, the District Office, and the public regarding rules, regulations, and policies.

A welcome reception was held on Jan. 26 to welcome OCC's newest employees to campus.

Crew Team's Alumni Dinner Brings Together Athletes Across Generations

OCC will host a Men's Crew Alumni Weekend on Feb. 20 and 21 to honor past generations of the award-winning program. All former crew members and donors are invited to attend the event, which will honor crews from years that end in the same number as the current year (i.e. 2006, 1996, 1986, etc.) as well as last year's crew team.



A silent auction/fundraiser will be held on Feb. 20 at 6 p.m. in the College's Student Center, followed by an appetizer, wine and beer reception at 7 p.m. Speakers from various crews of years past will also be on hand during the reception.

Alumni races will be held the following morning, Feb. 21, in the morning at OCC's boathouse.

Student Rep's 24-Hour Play Festival Returns... Again!

The College's Student Repertory Theatre presents *The Re-Return of the 24-Hour Play Festival* on Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 20-21 at 7:30 p.m. in the Drama Lab Studio. The talented members of the Rep will write, direct and

stage six short plays in just 24 hours. The performance is recommended for mature audiences and admission is free (however, payment in the form of coffee is welcome).

Art Pavilion Exhibition Pays Tribute to Influential Local Gallery Owner

The Frank M. Doyle Arts Pavilion will pay tribute to gallerist Diane Nelson with an exhibition slated to begin Feb. 17.

Nelson will retire this year after a long and celebrated career in Orange County. As a gallery owner for more than 40 years, Nelson has actively supported many working artists in the region, nurturing both emerging talent and mid-career artists. Her influence has fostered a growing community of art collectors as well, helping to create a culture of collecting in Orange County.

The exhibition will commence with a reception on Wednesday, Feb. 17 at 5 p.m. and will run until April 9. The Arts Pavilion also will host an artist talk on Wednesday, March 2 at 5 p.m. The public is welcome to attend both events.

Employee Workshop Aims to Help Staffers Cope With Change

The College's office of Professional Development and the District's IT User Services are teaming up to present a workshop titled "Watch Out For The Iceberg: Coping With Changes."

All Coast employees are invited to attend the workshop on Feb. 18 from 8:30 a.m. until 2 p.m. in the College's Faculty House. The event includes breakfast and lunch, and will feature interactive lessons and open discussions about changes that the District makes to stay on top of education codes, keep up-to-date with new technology, and benefit students.

All attendees also will receive a free copy of the book "Our Iceberg is Melting: Changing and Succeeding Under Any Conditions" by John Kotter.

