

Stockton Presents World Debut of 'Ahab: A Musical Odyssey' at Performing Arts Center

Performances Set for Nov. 11-14

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Galloway, NJ - Stockton University's School of Arts & Humanities (ARHU) and Performing Arts Center will present the world debut of "Ahab: A Musical Odyssey" from **Nov. 11-14, 2015** at Stockton's PAC, located on the main Galloway campus.

"Ahab," the musical backstory to "Moby Dick," is written by Hollywood Hall of Fame composer, Bud Noble. The show is directed by Henry van Kuiken, professor of Dance, with musical direction by Joseph W. Sramaty, a Stockton graduate who now works in ARHU.

Showtime is **7:30 p.m. from Wednesday, Nov. 11 through Friday, Nov. 13**, and **2 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 14**. Tickets are \$32 for general admission, \$12 for children and \$8 for seniors and students with ID. Tickets can be purchased online at www.stockton.edu/pac or by calling the Box Office at 609-652-9000. The Stockton Box Office is open Monday-Friday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and 90 minutes before each performance.

"The realization of a 30-year-old vision is the most extraordinary experience of my career," Noble said. "Interacting with the talented and enthusiastic cast and crew, under the masterful direction of Henry van Kuiken, is akin to observing an artist painting a canvas, absolutely amazing."

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The large cast features students from across many disciplines, as well as community members and professional actors and actresses.

Melissa Eddy Quilty (appearing courtesy of Actors Equity Association) of New Hope, Pa. performs as Madeline; Paul M. Drellock-Hughes of Paradise, Pa. as Ahab; and Terry Showers of Elizabeth, N.J. as Addy.

The cast, crew and creative team were exposed to a new rehearsal process because the play is an original production.

“We enjoy collaborating – Bud, Joe and me,” noted van Kuiken. “We’ve worked on smaller ‘Medley Series’ shows for the last few years, but ‘Ahab’ is certainly on a grander scale. Bud and I looked at his original work, and we agreed some changes to the 1988 script were in order... To see it spring to life now in rehearsal is, needless to say, fascinating and exciting. We have a great group of actors that includes professional, semi-professional and university students who are all making the characters that lived in our brains materialize before our eyes.”

Photo Caption: Bud Noble, photo courtesy of Bud Noble and Nobello.com

For patrons with special needs, the **Stockton Performing Arts Center** offers wheelchair accessible seating, large type programs and listening assistive devices. Please identify any needs you may have when making a reservation.

The Stockton Performing Arts Center, the Jersey Shore’s Center for the Arts, is located on the campus of Stockton University, on Vera King Farris Drive, off Jimmie Leeds Road, in Galloway Township. Just 12 miles west of Atlantic City, the center is easily accessible from the Garden State Parkway and the Atlantic City Expressway.

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