

'Lute' — UTEP Dinner Theatre presents the World Premiere of the new version of the musical comedy (formerly known as "Blondel") by Sir Tim Rice **Jan. 27-Feb. 12**. The original version's American Premiere was held at UTEP in 1984. Showtime is 7 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday. A dinner matinee is 1:30 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 29, and non-dinner matinee is 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 12. Tickets \$28-\$40 dinner shows; \$14-\$24 non-dinner matinee. Information: 747-6060.

The story takes place in England in 1189 and features a magnificent and murky collection of medieval characters. The star is the minstrel Blondel, who plucks his lute all over Europe while on a desperate quest to locate England's missing king, Richard The Lionheart. Also involved in the tale are Fiona, his long-suffering girlfriend, the evil Prince John, a confused Assassin, four be-bopping Monks and even, in a minor role, Robin Hood.

Rice wrote the original version with music by the late Stephen Olivier. Lute! also features music by Matthew Pritchard. Gregory Taylor directs, with musical direction by Patricia Ann Provencio and choreography by Lisa Lopez. See "Stage Talk," Page 48 for more details.

'Night Must Fall' — Lincoln County Community Theatre presents the 1930s British mystery/thriller at 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday, **Jan. 27-28**, at Mountain Annie's, 2710 Sudderth, in Ruidoso, N.M. Tickets: \$20. Information: (575) 257-7982.

Death Before Dessert — The murder mystery dinner group performs "Revenge in Rio" 6:30 p.m. Friday, **Jan 27, Feb. 24 and March 30**, at Opus World Bistro (formerly Il Posto Italiano), 7130 N. Mesa, with a Brazilian dinner. The mystery is written and directed by Jan H. Wolfe. Characters in the mystery will

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serve dinner. Ages 10 and older welcome. Cost: \$29 plus tax for dinner and show. Information: 585-2221.

'Shadowlands' — The Las Cruces Community Theatre presents the drama by William Nicholson **Feb. 3-19**. Directed by Patrick Payne. Performances are 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays and 2 p.m. Sundays. Tickets: \$7-\$10. Information: (575) 523-1200 or lcctnm.org.

The story follows noted author C.S. Lewis as he meets his American fan, Joy Gresham, whom he befriends and eventually marries. The story also deals with his struggle with personal pain and grief, particularly when Joy suffers from cancer.

'The Sisters Rosensweig' - No Strings Theatre Company presents the comedy by Wendy Wasserstein **through Feb. 5** at the Black Box Theatre, 430 N. Downtown Mall, Las Cruces. Directed by Nikka Zimmer. Performances are 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 29 and Feb. 5, and 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 2. Tickets: \$7-\$10. Information: (575) 523-1223 or no-strings.org.

The New York Times called this play "a captivating portrait of three disparate sisters reuniting after a lengthy separation and coming to terms with their differences, respect and love for one another. The laughter is all but continuous."

'Pachuco Zoot: A Tale of Identity' - The UTEP Department of Theatre and Dance presents its spring dance performance **Feb. 10-19** in the Fox Fine Arts Wise Family Theatre. Showtimes are 8 p.m. Thursday through Saturday and 2:30 p.m. Sunday. Tickets: \$12 (\$10 UTEP faculty/staff, seniors, military, groups of 10 or more and non-UTEP students; \$9 UTEP students and children age 4 to 12). Information: 747-5118 or theatredance.utep.edu.

The headliner piece for this year's concert is a dance theatre work that traces the origination of the Pachuco culture from its origin in the El Paso/Juarez region to the creation of the highly theatrical Zoot Suit culture. To complement this piece, UTEP faculty and guest artists will present newly choreographed pieces highlighting various themes and dance forms.

'The Perfect Crime' — El Paso Playhouse, 2501 Montana, presents the Warren Manzi thriller **Feb. 10-March 3** at El Paso Playhouse. Directed by Jan H. Wolfe. Showtimes are 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday. Tickets: \$10 (\$8 seniors, \$7 military/students with ID). Information: 532-1317, elpasoplayhouse.com.

Has psychiatrist Margaret Thorne Brent committed "the perfect crime"? When her husband turns up dead, she gets caught in a game of cat and mouse with a deranged patient, and the inspector that is assigned to the case.

Sister Nancy Murray — Sister Nancy Murray, O.P., sister of actor/comedian Bill Murray, performs her one-woman play "Rooted In Love: The Life & Martyrdom of Sister Dorothy Stang" **Feb. 12-13**, as a fundraiser for Juarez's Centro Santa Catalina.

Performances will be at 3 p.m. Sunday, **Feb. 12**, at the YISD administration building theater, 9600 Sims; and 7 p.m. Monday, **Feb. 13**, at St. Pius Church Community Parish Hall, 1050 N. Clark. Tickets are \$15, available through centrosantacatalina.org or by mail from Centro Santa Catalina, 1207 Alabama, El Paso, TX 79930. Information: 564-9003 or centrosantacatalina1@gmail.com.

Sister Dorothy was a member of the Ohio Province of the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur when she left the United States to work with peasant farm families in northern Brazil. Her efforts to form base Christian communities, improve sustainable farming methods, defend basic human rights and work for social justice incurred opposition from ranchers and loggers. On Feb. 12, 2005, she was shot and killed by two gunmen.

Sister Nancy performed her show on St. Catherine of Siena at the 2009 Centro Santa Catalina fundraiser. Centro Santa Catalina is a faith-based community in Juárez, founded in 1996 by Dominican Sisters for the spiritual, educational and economic empowerment of economically poor women and for the welfare of their families.

'The Sorcerer's Other Apprentice' - Kids-N-Co, 1301 Texas, present fanciful adventure **through Feb. 12**. Directed by Vanessa Keyser. Showtimes are 7:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays and 2:30 p.m. Sundays. Tickets: \$7 (\$5 students, children, seniors and military).

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