Student Life & Community Experience

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Brock Musical Theatre a Success with RENT

Katie Daniel

From February 2-5, Brock Musical Theatre (BMT) put on four performances of the well-known play, RENT.

The production consisted of 19 cast members, 11 production team members, a five person band and five volunteer crew members.

BMT club president, Karyn Lorence, said their attendance goal was to bring in over 1,000 and they achieved it as between 1,200 and 1,500 came to enjoy the show.

Preparation for this production started in September with auditions. The cast started rehearsing four days per week in the beginning of October and were rehearsing everyday in the weeks coming up to the performance.

A copious amount of commitment is needed to put on a production like this. The play was chosen in June 2011 and meetings started in early August to get the rights of the show. The director and choreographer were chosen and they lead the auditions and callback sessions to create a cast.

Cast members in a scene singing *La Vie Boheme*

Photo submitted by Karyn Lorence

After choosing a cast, many months went into forming the play, which included hard work from volunteers, students from other programs and everyone backstage," said Lorence.

According to Lorence, they chose to perform RENT because they were looking for something to reflect values that Brock students should possess.

Values such as equality, understanding and friendship should be woven between all programs and clubs," said Lorence.

Stay tuned for future productions by Brock Musical Theatre.

Help Brock Go Green

Josh Grant-Young

Do you have the green solution to all Brock's problems? Put down the pen and paper and get out your video cameras to tell the world about how you want to change your university for the better!

Brock University Students' Union is urging students to help brainstorm clever ways to promote eco-friendly attitudes and actions on campus with the Green Initiative. This project represents a new opportunity for students to directly affect campus life and be recognized for their leadership. With BUSU guaranteeing funding for a brilliant idea to transform Brock, the university may well be on the track to sustainability.

Students are invited to submit 45 second videos detailing their fun, creative and environmentally friendly ways to turn the campus from red to green. Students upload them to the web and will vote to pick the best ideas, offering a democratic edge to the competition.

Three of the top ideas will be chosen to appear in person before a judging panel and pitch their project. With $100,000 or more in BUSU funding for the winning project, this offers a Brock student a unique opportunity to make an impact on the university's campus carbon footprint.

To apply for the contest or learn how you can help spur an environmental revolution on campus, visit http://www.busu.net/gogreen/index.php .

Recreation Services:

Register soon for: Bootcamp, Learn to Run Your First 5 KM, Red Cross Sport First Aid (by Feb.21) and the Standard and Emergency First Aid Courses (LSS).

Make sure to check your Brock email this week and VOTE for 2012 BUSU Elections!!

Make Valentine's Day Last all Year

Josh Grant-Young

Valentine's Day represents a break from the harsh darkness of winter for the warm embrace of a significant other. For others, it is a commercial scam designed to rob us blind with delicious treats and manufactured emotion. Some find love while others languish in loneliness.

Is there a problem with Valentine's Day? Dissenters argue that the holiday has mimicked Christmas and Easter in the overly commercialized celebration rather than addressing the true meaning. Maybe there is an even greater statement to be made about holidays in general?

Consider this for a moment. Instead of spending a single day of the year attempting to woo your significant other/date with a grandiose gesture of affection, why not use every day to keep them guessing. By celebrating a single date, an entire year of potentially sweet gestures may be eclipsed by a night of simple sweets.

To be partners shouldn't be about singling out certain acts of devotion. Why not skip this Valentine's Day and take a night to just take stock of your romantic life. Are you both feeling surprised and appreciated? Are you excited everyday by the prospect of being with your better half?

For the single folks, now might be the time to take a moment and evaluate your love life too. Sure, you might not be taking part in the festivities friends likely will be, but don't let it bog down your spirits and Facebook newsfeed with a condescending tone. Take the holiday to love yourself and learn more about you so when you do find that "right one", you'll know what you want.

Love isn't about a single day. It's about 365 days of learning, caring and sharing. Make every day a Valentine's Day.

Attention ***upper year students***! Are you unsure of what you want to do after you graduate or want to take a term off? Then reserve your spot in the **Global Transitions** program. This program offers students an opportunity to enhance their time at university by volunteering in Ghana, located in West Africa. The trip will be 3 months of learning while volunteering and participants also receive a Brock credit. For further information, contact Christina Bosilo, manager of International Learning Programs, ext.4698.

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

On Monday, Feb. 20, the 3rd Annual Family Day Fundraiser for Community Care will be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Downtown Square in St. Catharines. Patrons of the event will enjoy bouncers, slides, games and a 9-hole mini-golf course for a fee of $5 per child and $2 per adult. All proceeds go to Community Care. Volunteers are needed to assist children in entering and exiting bouncers, help out with games, greet at the entrance and help with the stroller valet. For further information, contact Sandra Potter at 9056851349 or visit communitycarestca.ca.

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participation passport

If you are looking to become more involved in your community, Participation Passport is just for you.

The Passport program offers many great opportunities to be active and contribute to your new community. For those of you who have already participated, thank you!

If you have SIX or more swipes after taking part in Passport events you are eligible to pick up one of our prizes this week. Prizes can be picked up at the SLIC office located in MCA204.

This week's prizes include a variety of gift certificates!

See you soon,
The Student Life & Community Experience Team

Disclaimer: In order to ensure that all Participation Passport members have equal opportunity to benefit from the weekly prizes, individuals are only eligible to win a prize every other week.

http://www.brocku.ca/passport

Prom Project 2012!

Make prom a memorable milestone for Niagara Region's elementary and high school students!

Student Life and Community Experience is working with Education Foundation of Niagara collecting gently used formal attire and accessories for local Niagara students!

The Education Foundation of Niagara is giving young people the opportunity to select formal wear free of charge to attend their formals and graduation ceremonies. Your donation can create a stylish and memorable night for all graduates in the Niagara region.

Drop offs begin February 1st in the Student Leadership Innovations Commons (SLIC) located in MCA 204.

Last year, Brock University was able to donate 50 items to the fundraiser, over thirty of them being dresses! Our goal this year is 75 items!

Also accepting shoes, ties, accessories, dress pants and shirts, suits and suit jackets, or money donations!

*Earn a swipe from passport for your donation!
Don't forget to bring back your old formal wear after reading week!

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Upcoming Events

BUSU Elections
February 14-16: 9 p.m.
Vote for the BUSU elections. Check your Brocku email for the link or visit busu.net/elections for more information.

Brock Toonie Supper
February 15 & 29: 5 – 7 p.m.
The suppers are sponsored by the Brock Faith and Life Centre. It's all about friendships and all are welcome. The suppers are held at the Anglican Church of the Transfiguration at 320 Glenridge Ave.

Final Home Game
February 18: 3 p.m.
The men's basketball team plays it's final home game against Waterloo. The senior graduating players will be honoured at half-time. $5 fee for students and $10 for adults.

Film Viewings
February 15: 7 p.m.
Empire Theatre, Pen Centre.
BUFS presents - Monsieur Lazhar: In Montreal, a substitute teacher helps a class cope with a shared tragedy. It is based on the play by Evelyn de la Cheneliere. It was nominated for an Academy Award for Best Foreign Language Picture. Tickets can be purchased for $10 from the BUFS Box Office Table in the theatre lobby after 6 p.m. (cash or cheque only).

February. 22: 7 p.m.
Empire Theatre, Pen Centre.
BUFS presents - A Dangerous Method: In 1904, Carl Jung experiments with Sigmund Freud's radical new "talking cure" to help a desperate patient. It stars Michael Fassbender, Keira Knightley and Viggo Mortensen and was nominated for 11 Genie Awards.

February 29: 7 p.m.
Empire Theatre, Pen Centre.
BUFS presents - Tinker, Tailor, Soldier, Spy: The acclaimed Cold War spy thriller, based on the novel by John le Carre and featuring a stellar cast that includes Gary Oldman, Colin Firth, John Hurt, Toby Jones and Benedict Cumberbatch.

Residence Spotlight

February 13-17: traditional residence room inspections

Staying for **Reading Week**? Sign up to volunteer in our local community as part of the Alternative Reading Week program, www.brocku.ca/sco.

Pink Pancake Breakfast raised $596.59 for **Canadian Breast Cancer Foundation**!

On Friday Feb. 3, Student Life and Community Experience, in partnership with Brock Dining Services, hosted a Pink Pancake Breakfast in the Guernsey Market. A donation to the Canadian Breast Cancer Foundation was all that was needed in order for guests to receive delicious pancakes. This two-hour event was an overwhelming success, raising just under $600 for the Canadian Breast Cancer Foundation. Dearest thanks to all of those that came out to support this event with their generous donations. As well, a special thank you to our student volunteers who helped collect the donations and serve the food.

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