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Schedule at a Glance

BLOODY BLOODY ANDREW JACKSON

making you feel 😱
February 12th-28th

BIG LOVE

making you feel 😂
March 18th-24th



Big Love

50 Sisters Escape Their 50 Fiances

WMU Department of Theatre Chair, Joan Herrington, directs *Big Love* - a modern interpretation of Aeschylus' *The Suppliants*. *Big Love* is the story of 50 brides - all sisters - who flee to a manor in Italy in order to avoid marrying their 50 cousins.

The brides escape their home on the big day in order to be free of their old country, where marriage is contracted and love is unheard of. Throughout the play, they meet interesting characters and explore gender politics, violence, and love. Join us as the sisters abandon their betrothed at the altar and hop a boat for better



Alumni News

Marin Mazzie

WMU theatre alum, Marin Mazzie, will be the next leading lady in *The King and I* on Broadway!

This is Mizzie's first return to Broadway since going public with her battle with ovarian cancer last year. The distinguished alum was last seen on Broadway in the Woody Allen musical *Bullets Over Broadway*. Her stage appearances in *Passion*, *Ragtime* and *Kiss Me, Kate* earned her Tony Award nominations.

Read more about it on Playbill [here](#).

times and equality!

Director, Joan Herrington expresses her joy in directing a show that takes on big topics (as the title suggests). Playwright, Charles Mee, asks what it means to be a man, a woman, a human being, a displaced person. "The audience will be surprised", Herrington predicts, "which is a wonderful thing in the theatre. And they will see themselves in these characters who love, hate, need, hurt, sing, and dance."

[Buy Big Love Tickets Here](#)



Winter Dance Gala Concert February 25, 26 and 27

Western Michigan University's Department of Dance will present its annual Winter Gala Dance Concert in the Laura V. Shaw Theatre of WMU's Gilmore Theatre Complex on February 25, 26, and 27, 2016. Performances are at 8pm on all dates with a matinee at 2pm on February 27.



Bloody Bloody Andrew Jackson Bloody Bloody Blood Drive A Success

On February 9th, The University Theatre partnered with the American Red Cross for the Bloody Bloody Blood Drive and it was a huge success! Every blood bag that was brought was filled! Thanks to everyone who helped make the day a success.

[Read more here.](#)



The Civic Theatre Advancement Campaign

Good luck to our friends at the The Kalamazoo Civic Theatre on their fundraising campaign to support necessary renovations and improvements to one of Kalamazoo's treasured institutions!

Click [here](#) to find out more information and get involved!

The University Theatre Box Office is open Monday through Friday 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Walk in or call 269-387-6222.

[Buy Tickets](#)

LAST WEEKEND OF BLOODY BLOODY ANDREW JACKSON...

Bloody Bloody Andrew Jackson is the electrifying story of Andrew Jackson - America's first populist President and creator of the Democratic Party. Rock n' roll with us and the seventh President of the United States this weekend February 25th - 28th.

Contains mature content - patrons under the age of 12 will not be admitted.

[Buy Bloody Bloody Andrew Jackson Tickets Here](#)

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Recruiting the Class of 2020 New Student Auditions

This past Friday students began auditioning for the WMU Department of Theatre Class of 2020! Our current students, shown above, show up as early as 5:00am to set up and work throughout the day with new students. Then the potential class of 2020 eagerly arrive at 7:30am to meet with students, faculty and tour the building! Acting majors and Musical Theatre Performance majors were excited to audition with monologues and songs that they have prepared. Design/Technical Production, Stage Management, and Arts Management majors awaited to present portfolios and be interviewed. We are thrilled to have new students roaming our building and look forward to the Fall!

