Two nights of ‘Serious Fun!’ are coming to Edison Theatre

An eclectic group of performers will present two nights of “Serious Fun!” in Edison Theatre at 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Dec. 1 and 2.

The “Serious Fun” Festival, which debuted two years ago at Lincoln Center in New York City, originally was designed to demystify the avant-garde for New York audiences more accustomed to traditional theatre fare. Now, on its first national tour, four of the best acts from the festival are bringing their wacky brand of entertainment to Edison Theatre ‘OVATIONS!’ audiences.

Presented in a vaudeville-style evening will be Guy Kaczmarek, a composer and performer who over the past 15 years has rescued the accordion from beer halls and made it an instrument in the creation of contemporary and experimental music; Scott Johnson, a jazz, rock and electronic music composer whose work was chosen for the film score of the movie “Patty Hearst”; Tom Cayler, a performer whose satiric monologue “Men Die Sooner” has been described as “one of the brightest lights on the modern concert scene” by the Village Voice, has premiered more than 40 works by emerging composers and has toured throughout the United States and Europe. She also will feature a free voice master class from 10 a.m. to noon on Nov. 21 in Graham Chapel.

During the concert, Schadeberg will sing Robert Blumenfeld’s setting of “Un Carnet de danme,” a poem by the precocious poet Arthur Rimbaud. Blumenfeld is a professor emeritus of music at Washington University. Schadeberg also will perform a new work by Roland Jordan, Ph.D., associate professor of music at Washington University, titled “Songs for Li Po.” The piece is a setting for six poems by Li Po, interspersed with excerpts from a poem by Conrad Aiken titled “Letter From Li Po.” A second work by Jordan will have its formal premiere at 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 20, at The Sheldon Concert Hall, 3648 Washington Ave. The free concert, sponsored by the Washington University Department of Music, will feature Robert Wykes, D.M.A., professor emeritus of music at the university, who will perform on a free piano score. He also will feature a free voice master class from 10 a.m. to noon on Nov. 21 in Graham Chapel.

“Serious Fun!” festival concerts in St. Louis have featured works by more than 30 composers, including two one-act operas. Two of his works, “Caprice” and “Music for Thirteen,” have been recorded commercially. Other works, including his Philip Glass tribute “Process,” were performed by the St. Louis Symphony, the Philadelphia Orchestra and the New York City Opera. His work has been performed in London, Hong Kong, Korea, Europe, and the United States. Since the 1970s, Blumenfeld has devoted his energies to composition. In 1979 he received a major grant from the National Endowment for the Arts for the composition of his opera/ farce “Fourscore: An Opera of Opposites.” His shamer opera, “Pilz,” was performed last year at the Chicago Opera Center.

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Things will look different to head basketball coach Nancy Fahey when her Bear band begins the upcoming season. Fahey's fourth as the Bears' head mentor. The 1989-90 season marks the "changing of the guards" in the Washington University women's basketball program.

Last spring the Bears graduated six seniors, five of whom saw extensive action on the guard spots. Gone are the familiar faces of Angie Logan, Sonya Thompson and Amy Wiegner. These three members of the class of '89 have left the Hilltop, taking with them the bulk of the playing time seen by Bear guards the past three years. Their impact is dear — 40 victories, two UAA championships and a trip to the NCAA Tournament, all in the past two years.

But the cupboard is hardly bare. Fahey still has plenty of weapons in her arsenal. The quality candidates are vying for the open guard positions. Junior Huston leads a group of potential starters, but will be challenged by freshmen Jennifer Gibbs and Kim Brandt, along with Gillian McLeod, a four-year transfer from the University of Illinois. Fahey is excited by the abilities of her new platoon of guards, but is still unsure of their inexperience.

"We have a lot of flexibility with the personnel we have in our backcourt," says Fahey. "But there are a lot of new faces who are playing as system for the first year. How quickly they adapt to our regimen will determine our rapid improvement.""
George Burris, director of food service, and his housing was awarded a three-year term as secretary/treasurer of the Central Association College Auxiliary Services at their annual meeting in June.

Rebecca P. Green and Stanley L. Hazen, students in the Medical School's Training Program for the School of Medicine, were awarded associate membership in the American Federation for Clinical Research (AFCR) as part of its 50th anniversary. "The award recognizes their scholarship and potential as future investigators in the lab of Jeffrey L. Gordon, M.D., professor of medicine and biochemistry and molecular biophysics. Green is studying the interaction between thyroxine and gastrointestinal hormones. Hazen, under the guidance of Richard W. Gross, M.D., Ph.D., associate professor of medicine and pharmacology, is involved in the purification of a nephrotoxic enzyme important in myocardial injury. The AFCL is dedicated to the development of clinician-scientists, which is also the intent of the School of Medicine's Medical Scientist Training Program, where students graduate with a combined doctorate and medical degree."

Rod Henri, affiliate assistant professor of architecture, received an honorable mention for his lamp design for the Second Annual Louis Design Center Design Competition, opened by Alumna Lynn Sauve, a master's degree student in architecture, was among members of the design group "facture" which also received an honorable mention and the speaker's choice award. Other members of "facture" are University graduates Hunter Fleming, John Pratt, Brad Peterson, Mike Moran, David Wulfman, Rick Azer, Mark Pruitt, Brad Peterson, Mike Moran, Hunter Fleming, John

David J. Pittman, Ph.D., professor of sociology, received the 1989 Director's Award for distinguished service from the Missouri Department of Health, Division of Alcohol and Drug Abuse. Pittman received the award "in recognition of his contributions to Missouri's Substance Abuse Program."

Todd H. Wasserman, M.D., a professor of radiation oncology, was the invited guest of the Technion, Israel Institute of Technology, Faculty of Medicine, for a symposium on malignant lymphomas in Haifa, Israel. Wasserman delivered three lectures to the group of 100 Israeli physicians. During his visit to Israel, Wasserman also was a guest of the mayor of the town of Migdal Haemek, which was celebrating its 55th anniversary. Wasserman toured factories and met with some of the townspeople, the mayor, who is a member of the Israeli parliament, and the Director General of the Israeli Department of Interior. Wasserman was given a medal of the city in honor of his visit.

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Working toward peace: Students from Campus Y's Towards Peace program sponsored a three-day pledge signing last week that was designed to increase awareness among the campus community about choosing careers that affect "humankind and the environment." More than 300 students, faculty and staff signed pledge cards in Mailstop Center stating that they would "only seek employment that will be beneficial for human health and not destructive to the environment. "We want people to think about and question the reasons they are in school," said Margaret De Mattia, co-program leader for Towards Peace. "Is it to get a degree and high paying job, or to make a difference in society?" Excerpted above, from left, are De Mattia, a junior majoring in prelaw, senior Colleen Connolly, a Towards Peace volunteer; and junior Kimberly Kaufmann, making her pledge for peace. According to Pittman, the pledge cards are still available to the campus community at the Campus Y in Karl Umrath Hall. Towards Peace members plan to sponsor other events on campus in an effort to increase awareness about career decisions and responsibility to society and the environment.

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NEWSMAKERS

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CALENDAR

Monday, Nov. 20
4-5 p.m. of Department of Philosophy Colloquium: "MedicallyPerfect" (Incorrect title). Harald Rumboldt, prof., Penn. State U. (State & Webster Hall). For more info., call 889-5400.

Monday, Nov. 20
4-5 p.m. of Department of Philosophy Colloquium: "Recognition of the History of the Western Semiotics." Richard H. Popkin, WU prof, emeritus of philosophy and history, U. of California, Los Angeles. For more info., call 889-5210.

Monday, Nov. 20
4-5 p.m. of Biochemistry and Molecular Biophysics Colloquium, "Leukemogenesis: Genes of the Tumor," Richard Abruna, WU assn prof. of pathology. For more info., call 889-4595.

Tuesday, Nov. 21
4 p.m. of Department of Chemistry Seminar, "Strategy and Protocols in the Thermoreative Cycles Compatible with the Experimental Models of the Calixarenes," Johann H. Haase, Dept. of Chemistry, Yale. 311 McMillen Lab. For more info., call 889-5400.

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Tuesday, Nov. 21
8 p.m. of Department of Theater Studies, "Descent into Limbo — The Creative Process," Maurice B. Smith, art prof., American University. For more info., call 889-5400.

Wednesday, Nov. 22
10 a.m.-noon, of Department of Music Voice Master Class with soprano Christine Schadeberg; WU assn prof. of music. For more info., call 889-6400.

Wednesday, Nov. 22
8 p.m. of Music Department Band, directed by Chris Beck, Davis Center. For more info., call 889-5400.

THURSDAY, Nov. 16
12:10-1:30 p.m., of Department of Chemistry Talk, "Current Work," Stan Stamenkovic, WU assn prof. of chemistry. For more info., call 889-5400.

11 a.m.-noon, of Department of Chemistry Seminar, "Academic Personnel Advisory Committee," Box 1070, WU 3-D design students. For more info., call 889-5400.

Thursday, Nov. 30

4 p.m. of Department of Anthropology Colloquium, "We All came from the same Stone Man. The earliest Humans in Brazil," Olga Soffer-Bobyshev, prof., Dept. of Anthropology, Universidade Federal do Rio de Janeiro. For more info., call 889-5400.

5:45 p.m. of Anatomy and Neurobiology Thirty-6th Robert J. Terry Lecture, "Forensic Parasitology," Morton Zuckerman, prof., Deputy Chief, Laboratory of Neuropathology at the al and Health, Bethesda, MD. For more info., call 889-5400.

5 p.m. of Physics Eugene Freiberg Memorial Lecture, "Evolution of a Nuclear Reaction," Herman Feshbach, prof. emeritus, MIT. 201 Crow Hall. For more info., call 889-5400.

4-5 p.m. Center for the Study of Public Policy Affairs Thursday Lecture, "Changes in Soviet Policy Toward South Africa," Michael Paul, Rhodes Scholar and Fellow, Stanford Center for International Security and Cooperation. 200 D & E Eck Hall.

4:30 p.m. of English Colloquium, "Strangely Ribboned Bacon, Jonson and Mirth in English Religion," Thomas King, prof., English. Hunt Lounge, Duderer Hall.

Friday, Nov. 17
7 p.m. of Music Recital, "Dramatic Form and Expression in Beethoven: A Symposium," Anthony Hurwitz, prof., and student, State U. of New York, New Paltz. For more info., call 889-5400.

Saturday, Nov. 18

Sunday, Nov. 19


"Molecular Mechanism of Visual Excitation," Lubert Stryer, Dept. of Molecular Biophysics and Biochemistry, Yale. 311 McMillen Lab. For more info., call 889-5400.


Wednesday, Nov. 29
7-9 p.m., of Music Recital, "Grand Tent," Apollo Trios. Steinberg Hall Aud.

Monday, Nov. 27

Friday, Nov. 3

Thursday, Nov. 2
5:30 p.m., of Music Recital, "Coordinate Control of Sex Determination and Population Genetics of a Paternally-Inherited Emigré," Academy of Sciences of the USSR. 200 Washington Ave. For more info., call 889-5400.

MISCELLANEOUS

The deadline to submit Deadlines for Dec. 16-17 calendar information must be Nov. 22. Items must be typed and state date, time, location, activity, sponsor, admission, seating. Include a phone number and person to contact. Send items to Kathy Acosta, 402 Park Hall. For more info., call 889-5400.


The concert is part of a Sunday concert series at the Art Museum. For more information, call 889-5911.