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MAD's Spring Musical – Weird Romance: Opening May 4! Discount Tickets for Online Purchases Opening Weekend

A Message from Director, Randy Barth: *Science and Love mixed together! Sounds like a Weird Romance! It's a trip to the Twilight Zone! (Indeed, one of the two short stories was a "Twilight Zone" episode!) Tickets on sale (and cheaper online than at the door, particularly for opening weekend). Don't miss it.*

From the composer of "Beauty and the Beast," "Aladdin," and "Little Shop of Horrors" comes MAD's Spring musical, "Weird Romance"! The musical is composed of two one-act stories set in the near future, where speculative science fiction is used to explore what drives the emotion of love. "Weird Romance" is playing May 4-19 at Goddard's Barney & Bea Recreation Center. Tickets are on sale now at madtheater.org. See the attached flyer and the website for more information.

Cast list:

Cathy Barth – Nola

Sara Collins – Delphi, Carol

Betsy Edwards – ensemble

Mary Estacion – P. Burke

Katrina Jackson – Zanth, ensemble

Steve Leete – Johnny Beaumont

Eliot Malumuth – Ruskin, ensemble

Penny Martin – Susan, ensemble

Don Mitchell – Isham, Chuck

Sean Morton – Paul, Daniel

Shawn Perry – Joe, Kevin

Melanie Pino-Elliott – Shannara, Leslie, ensemble

Hope Shapiro – P. Burke, Rebecca, ensemble

MAD Summer Variety Show – Call for Co-Producer and Call for Interest

Want to try your hand at co-producing? Have a music piece you love performing? Give it a try at MAD's Variety Show! Last year's *iMADgination Lab* brought the Goddard community live music, dancing, and drama sketches! The flexibility of the show allows participants to perform pieces of their own creation or participate in a skills workshop with the option to perform these new skills in the variety show. This year, we are shifting the variety show from spring performance to a summer one! We will be aiming for the show to include the interns and tentatively will have the workshops run from June to July with the show in late July or early August. Before we can begin, we need at least one co-producer and many interested participants (such as a performer, set designer, stage, camera, teacher, scene director, choreographer, composer, etc!). If you would like to co-produce and/or are interested in participating, contact Trisha Randazzo at patricia.e.randazzo@gmail.com with the phrase 2018 Variety Show somewhere in the subject line before May 11th.

MAD Board Meeting

The next MAD Board meeting will be held on Thursday, May 17th, at 5:30 PM in Building 3, Room 137. All club members are welcome to attend. We plan to hold our board meetings in 2018 regularly on the third Thursday of the month.

MAD About Town

Chris Wells will be music director and lead keyboard in GAC's production of "Return to the Forbidden Planet," running from May 18 through June 9, Fridays and Saturdays at 8 and Sundays (May 27 and June 3) at 2 at the Greenbelt Arts Center in the old Greenbelt shopping center. Other MAD orchestra members make up the onstage, in costume band, including **Rob Gersten, John McCloskey, Tony Miller, Jeff Pattison, James Olsen**, and our newest recruit, **Keshav Swaminathan**. Cast members who have recently appeared in MAD shows include **Aref Dajani** ("Into the Woods") and Mike **Heney** (many shows, most recently "Oklahoma!" and "Follies"), and longtime MAD member **Malca Giblin** will be producing. For tickets and information, go to www.greenbeltartscenter.org, and go to upcoming events.

The offbeat comedy movie in which **David Murray Solomon** appears in a featured role, "All Square," is appearing in Baltimore, Maryland soon, capping a quick film festival sojourn from coast to coast to coast. First off it's the Gulf Coast, in the Sunscreen Film Festival in St. Petersburg, Florida, Saturday April 28 at 8 PM (<http://sunscreenfilmfestival.com/>). (See what they did there -- Sundance Festival in Utah, Sunscreen Festival in Florida; cute, no?). Jumping to the West Coast, next is the Newport Beach Film Festival in, of course, Newport Beach, California, on Thursday, May 3rd at 8 PM (<https://newportbeachfilmfest.com/event/closing-night-all-square/#>). Last and certainly not least, it's back to the East Coast, and to this area,

to close the Maryland Film Festival on Sunday, May 6th at 7:15 PM, at the recently (2017) renovated 414 seat Parkway 1 Theater, in the Station North area of midtown Baltimore (<https://mdfilmfest.com/film/all-square/>). Parking is available for \$1, 3 blocks away at the Amtrak Penn Station parking lot (open 24/7), and parking spaces can be reserved in advance, online, here: <https://spothero.com/baltimore-parking>. David promises to be there in the audience at this showing, and will gladly sign autographs on request.

MAD Update

Bill Struthers reports that **Priscilla's** latest CT scan was negative and she and Bill are very relieved and very happy with this great news!