Beat the winter blues with theatre at RLC

BY SHMILY PATTERSON

With cold weather setting in for a long stay, many people may get the winter blues and become stagnant, as fun-filled activities become sabotaged by frigid temperatures. The Rend Lake College Liberal Arts department, however, will just be getting warmed up!

Once school resumes from Christmas break, students and local community members will have the chance to attend for the upcoming spring musical. This year’s rendition is “Les Misérables” Set in 1815 — and including a 10 to cross everything off their stage construction, lighting, sound, and backstage operations. There are so many ways to get involved with the spring musical. By Ti’erre Harris

Tinsel and teamwork

Liberal Arts faculty member Dr. Elizabeth Bailey-Smith and Steve Kennett were the favorites in the ugly sweater group contest at this year’s campus holiday party. They narrowly defeated other group contestants Stephanie Smith from Community and Corporate Education, Tyler O’Daniel from the #FitFam group, and Felicia Fommer from the Office of the President. Jean Hule, executive assistant to the vice president of Instruction, won the individual category for her ugly sweater. (Nathan Wheeler / Clocktower Chronicle)

Focus on photography? Shift into manual!

BY TAYLOR ELMERNSKI

D umes can also take advantage of the Free Application for Student Aid (FAFSA), visit www.fafsa.ed.gov. Free Application for Student Aid registration is currently open for the Spring 2015 semester at Rend Lake College. Reserve your space in the Administration Building. To in testing for placement aid. Veterans and service members are given priority registration at RLC. Contact the Academic Advisement Center at (618) 437-5312, Ext. 1266, for priority registration dates and times. For any other questions, call the center or email advising@rlc.edu.

Stage ninja

Can you find the stage hand in this photo? Acting, singing and dancing are big parts of musical productions at RLC. So are stage construction, lighting, sound, and backstage operations. There are so many ways to get involved with the spring musical. It begins in January. Call Sara Alstott at (618) 437-5321, Ext. 1817 or email her at alstott@rlc.edu.
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**Music**

Creativity is something that is open for everyone. When you come to college, you’re given the opportunity to discover and develop that creativity. RLC’s music department is a great place to start.

Imagination, improvisation, music theory, dictation and sight reading are just some of the techniques and skills that must be learned and developed to start a degree in music performance.

Before I entered, I felt very challenged by the thought of picking up something new, and I didn’t put my confidence in RLC’s music department. It truly focuses on each student and gives them the opportunity to develop new skills.

Through the program, my knowledge and skills have increased. I feel that my teachers have helped me grow as a musician. After the last 16 weeks, I’ve learned a lot about music, such as sight reading, in a small group setting. This makes me proud. The music department here helps me break down the curriculum in small parts and use creative methods to teach the course material.

Music is a universal language. Music can connect people without words. One interesting fact about music is that it is danced, as well as spoken. Music is an art form that can be seen, felt, smelled and heard. The sound we hear. I believe the importance of the many parts of music is that it can be a professional setting, such as a performance, or a personal setting, such as a training session. Artists, come together and use music to help them to connect with their community. When producing music. When artists or music teachers perform together, they must connect with their community. When producing music, they must be aware of the community they’re working with. When a community is impacted by music, they can start to understand music and what it means to them. When a community is impacted by music, they can start to understand music and what it means to them.

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