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UNH to Showcase Student Talent In Theatre & Dance

The 145 majors in the UNH Department of Theatre & Dance have many opportunities to showcase their talents. From main stage productions to class work and student produced pieces, there are over 20 performance opportunities in any given season. Perhaps the most anticipated student works are the Student Showcases at the end of each semester. Students studying Musical Theatre, Dance, Aerial Dance and Puppetry each choose material to choreograph, direct, costume, select the music and perform. This semester, these innovative and inspiring events are once again open to the public.

December 9th, students studying **Musical Theatre** will present songs and numbers from their favorite musicals. These will include solos, chorale work, and ensemble song and dance pieces. Minimal costumes and props help to place focus on each student, as he or she performs.

December 10th, students studying the **Aerial Arts** will spin and twirl, showcasing their athleticism, grace and fearlessness high above the Newman Dance Studio on fabric, trapezes, and the lyra, a circular hoop that looks like a hula hoop. If you have never been to a Cirque De Soliel production, this is a great way to see this relatively new dance form in an intimate setting. UNH is the only university in the nation offering the Aerial Arts as part of a Liberal Arts degree program.

December 11th is the **Puppetry** Showcase. This class, usually consisting of non-majors, will showcase storytelling and puppetry using a variety of puppetry techniques.

December 12th, students studying **Dance** will have the opportunity to select their own music, costuming and dance partners in an evening of jazz, tap, ballet and theatre dance. Solos, trios, ensembles and a couple of large cast numbers will be featured, as dancers select and perform material that has special meaning to each of them.

Tickets to Student Showcases are \$3.50, except for the Dance Showcase, which is \$5.00.

Musical Theatre Showcase: Dec. 9 in the Hennessy Theatre at 7:00 p.m.

Aerial Dance Showcase: Dec. 10 in the Newman Dance Studio at 7:00 p.m.

Puppetry Showcase: Dec. 11 in the Hennessy Theatre at 7:00 p.m.

Dance Showcase: Dec. 12 in the Johnson Theatre at 7:00 p.m.

For tickets, contact the MUB ticket office (Monday through Friday between 10:00AM and 4:00PM) at 603-862-2290. You may also purchase tickets at www.unhmub.com/ticket. Tickets are \$3:50-\$5:00 for general admission, seniors and UNH ID holders. The UNH Theatre Box Office opens one hour prior to curtain in the lobby at the Paul Creative Arts Center. For more information, and show times, please call the Theatre and Dance office at 603-862-2919, or visit us at www.unh.edu/theatre-dance.

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