

Aeschylus' 'Agamemnon' in Saturday Performance

By Amy Doan
Staff Writer

In celebration of California Arts Day, Cal State Hayward theater arts major Craig Marker is bringing Aeschylus's classic "Agamemnon" to the stage.

The show debuted Wednesday at the campus' Patio Theatre and will be presented Saturday in the Studio Theatre at 8 p.m.

Written in fifth century B.C., "Agamemnon" is the first play in the only remaining trilogy of Greek plays. It is the story of King Agamemnon of Argos, who returns from the Trojan War to a vengeful wife.

Agamemnon is played by Jim Malone, with Jeanette Penley as Clytaemestra and Marissa Keltie in the role of Cassandra.

Marker's version of the play is shorter than the original, with a smaller cast and modern clothing rather than Greek costumes.

"We're pulling outfits from the costume shop and got many of our ideas from fashion magazines," said Marker, who was asked by Professor Edgardo de la Cruz to direct the play.

The play was added to the Greek Festival after others were dropped due to the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

"Everyone in the cast is phenomenal," Marker said. "It has been really stressful but a pleasure working with everybody. We hope people enjoy the show as much as we enjoyed putting it together."

Marker, who will graduate in the spring, aspires to be an actor and has been in almost 20 plays since his junior year in high school.

"Agamemnon" is the second play he has directed at Cal State Hayward, his first being "The Man with the Flower in His Mouth" as part of last spring's Xarc festival.

Tickets may be obtained by calling the box office at (510) 885-3261.

Free Music Fest Friday

By Nicole Lutz
Staff Writer

The Hayward-area community and Cal State Hayward students are invited to the eighth annual Fall Music Fest, to be held in the CSUH Amphitheater, 25800 Carlos Bee Blvd., from 5:30 to 9 p.m. Friday, Oct. 12.

Reservations are not required and admission will be free.

Mumbo Gumbo and the Cal State Hayward Jazz Band will be featured.

Mumbo Gumbo, a seven-piece band, has a wide range of sounds, ranging from New Orleans rumba, Cajun, Caribbean rhythms, Texas swing and a bit Irish melody.

The CSUH jazz band will produce the sounds that have made the ensemble a winner at numerous jazz band competitions.

Attendees are invited to bring picnic dinners and chairs or blankets to sit out on the lawn.

Table for eight may be reserved for \$25 by calling (510) 885-4110, or online at www.csuhayward.edu/alumni/haywire/music.html.

Food, wine and other beverages also will be available for purchase at the festival. The CSUH Alumni Association will serve a complimentary dessert.

Buffalo Bill's Brew Pub, the CSUH Alumni Association, University Advancement and University Facilities sponsor this event.

In the event of rain, alternate plans will be announced.

Poetry 'Read-in'

By Pioneer Staff

The Cal State Hayward English Department's Creative Writing Program will sponsor an open mic Poetry "Read-in" for students, faculty, and staff Oct. 18, noon to 2 p.m. in the library's Biella room.

According to Susan Gubernat, assistant professor, its purpose will be "to provide a forum to

read aloud/listen to poems in response to Sept. 11 - poems of mourning, healing, poems about war and peace, poems representing cultures other than the USA's."

She said poems could be original works or "or relevant poems by familiar authors like Whitman, Dickinson, Rumi..."

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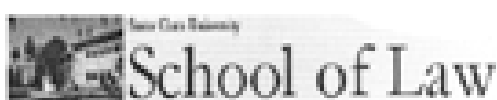
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