Fine arts department to offer variety of events

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The Department of Fine and Performing Arts should offer students a wide variety of events to participate in and see. David Dechant, promotion coordinator for fine arts, said the annual Juried Student Art Competition and the musical, "Brigadoon," will provide students with the best opportunities to participate in fine art events.

"The musical and the art competition open to all Creighton students and prizes will be awarded," Dechant said.

"Instead of a spring Company of Actors, the music, dance and theater divisions are combining talents to put on 'Brigadoon.'"

'Sets, lights, costumes' addition, he said the musical provides opportunities for students to create lights and costumes.

Performance dates for the musical are April 5 and 12 at 2:30 p.m.

Dechant said a prominent local artist will judge the quality and originality of the art works submitted by students in the Juried Student Art Competition on April 29 to May 9.

"This competition is open to all Creighton students and prizes will be awarded," Dechant said.

Students who participate in these events, Dechant said, get "a nice break from studying and a wonderful chance to get out and perform for the public."

'PhotoWorks' display

The Rev. Michael Flecky, S.J., assistant professor of fine arts, is curating PhotoWorks, the Photographic Invitational being held Jan. 21 through Feb. 15 in the Fine Arts Gallery, Dechant said.

"The focus of the invitational is to show what new things are happening in a faculty member's particular area," he said.

The curator contacts artists around the world to add to the show, Dechant said.

"This year's show is an exhibition by five contemporary photographers who have created photographic images on different substances, such as metal, handmade paper and fabric," Dechant said.

Dr. Steven Peters will direct the comedy-drama, "Come Back to the 5 & Dime, Jimmy Dean, Jimmy Dean," to be performed Feb. 18 - 22.

Senior's exhibition

Kristen Snipp, a senior fine arts major, will present a show composed of her drawings of the human figure, Dechant said.

Snipp's exhibition will be presented March 18 to April 19 in partial fulfillment of the requirement for her bachelor of fine arts degree, he said.

Dechant said dance majors will select the music, choreograph and perform all the works in a student dance concert on April 23 at 8 p.m.

Under the direction of Carolee Bean, professor of fine arts in music, the university's Chamber Choir will perform the Midwest premiere of John Rutter's contemporary choral work on April 28 at 7 p.m. in St. John's Church, Dechant said.

'Big secret'

"A big secret at Creighton University is that many of the faculty in the Fine Arts Department are widely known, nationally respected artists who have exhibited their works in private galleries," Dechant said.

The annual faculty show permits the talented faculty to present their most recent work in photography, painting, drawing, ceramics and sculpture, Dechant said.

The faculty show, to be held Feb. 18 through March 15, exhibits the growth and development of these artists over the past year, he said.

The Department of Fine Arts will close its Spring 1987 season with the Spring Music Festival on May 3 at 3 p.m.

Dechant said the festival will include performances by advanced vocal and instrumental music students, plus the new jazz ensemble.