CHABOT THEATER- Chabot theater alum Vera Sloan Clanton (Chabot student 2002 to 2005, B.A. Degree from San Jose State University) has recently been awarded the position of Artistic Director of The Shady Shakespeare Theater Company in San Jose. For her summer production of 12th Night, which she will be directing, Vera has cast Chabot Theater alum Taz Balbuena (1998 to 2005) and current Chabot Theater student Alex Skinner.

The Theater Department recently hired one of our alum, Armando McClain (Chabot 1999 – 2004, BFA Cal Arts, and MFA Cal Arts 2009). Armando is teaching beginning acting this semester. Armando is currently appearing in the renowned San Francisco based theater company Word for Word’s original production of YOU KNOW WHEN THE MEN ARE GONE. The show is directed by Chabot theater instructor Joel Mullennix.

STAFF NEWS- Christie Verarde, PDC from Early Childhood Development, will be presenting at the National Association for the Education of Young Children’s Professional Institute this June in San Francisco. The presentation will be on using “Prezi” in the classroom. Prezi is a presentation tool that is reminiscent of PowerPoint on steroids.

STUDENT NEWS- Jelani Khusrawy, student, and his brother, Shokoor Khusrawy (shown in this photo), were featured in the Sunday, March 3rd issue of the Daily Review highlighting the art gallery they established in Pleasanton. Jelani’s brother, Shokoor, is an artist and the “Little Gallery” features his paintings, still life, abstracts, impressionist works, and his own personal styling using a palette knife and paint.

The Little Gallery, located at 330 Main Street in Pleasanton, is open daily 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Gallery information is available at http://artafghan.com, or by Email at littlegallery@gmail.com.

ATHLETICS- Chabot’s Track & Field Team kicked off their season opener at the 26th Annual American River College Beaver Relays on March 2nd. Under the guidance from head coach Kyle Robinson, the Gladiators opened with outstanding throws in the Men’s Javelin by Travis Vandegriff, Mick Mcelovgue, and Trevor Hubby with throws of 147-9, 120-7 and 115-2. Janae Mayfield won the women’s 800 with a time of 2:28.51. In the Men’s 5000 (3.1 miles), Abe Espinoza ran a NorCal qualifying mark of 15:33 to finish 2nd, followed by teammates Arthur Ruvalcaba in 15:53.47 and Adam White 15:56.34. Darrell Calvin and Markeen Scott went 3-4 in the men’s 110 hurdles in NorCal qualifying times of 16.21 and 16.27. The men’s 4 x 200 of Artis Jones, Willie Latin, Darrell Calvin and Markeen Scott ran 1:32.91 to win their event. Trevor Hubby and Inderjit Singh both cleared 13-3 for NorCal qualifying marks. Kelsey Bowersmith ran 16.97 for 2nd in the women’s 100 hurdles and the high jumped 4-8 for 3rd in the women’s high jump.

The women’s 4 x 400 team of Tyler Alsobrook, Candice Bowden, Janae Mayfield, and Bree Alexander ran 4:28.17 for 3rd. Bowden and Alsobrook ran the 100 finishing in 13.13 and 13.48.
CONSTRUCTION CORNER

Building 3400 – Ready to Begin Renovation - Building 3400, Automotive Technology, is ready to begin renovation. The remodel will include the installation of large overhead doors to the back parking lot, a large automotive lab, and a smart classroom with complete AV capabilities. The building will house the BMW technology program.

Bid Opening for B1700 - We have opened bids for Building 1700, Math and Science and will be making a recommendation to award a contract at the March Board meeting. Building 1700 is partially funded by the state and will begin construction in April. Building 1700 will house Math and Science classes. Also included in this project is the landscaping between Buildings 1700 and 1800. This space will contain plant species not located elsewhere on campus and serve as an outdoor classroom.

Building 1200/PAC Partially Occupied - The Building 1200 and PAC Plaza project is nearing completion and is partially occupied. Finishing touches are currently being applied. The renovated building houses music performance spaces, practice rooms, and the Little Theater. The addition houses a new recording studio. The renovated plaza contains an outdoor stage and seating areas.

P.E. Complex Renovation is Progressing - The renovation to the existing P.E. Complex is moving forward. Instructors have moved back into their faculty offices in Building 2600. The renovation of Building 2800 is substantially complete and occupied. Work on the Gymnasium is complete and classes are using the courts again. Current construction efforts are concentrated on the new auxiliary gym and Building 2700. Construction is scheduled to finish in late summer 2013.

Small Projects - The Measure B Team is preparing to go out for bids on our campus security project in parking lots G/H/E and J. An electronic marquee at the corner of Hesperian Boulevard and depot Road will also be part of this project.

Work is moving forward on a project to enhance the college landscaping along Hesperian Boulevard. Several design concepts were presented to the Facilities Committee and a Schematic Design is underway.

SPRING THEATER OPENS NEXT WEEK

Chabot College Spring Theater opens Tuesday evening, March 26th with The Good Doctor by Neil Simon, America's most gifted comic writer.

The play, directed by Bay Area award-winning director, Joel Mullennix, is an uproariously funny romp that looks at Anton Chekhov's world through hilarious lenses and with a contemporary twist. You will be guaranteed an evening of laughter and enjoyment.

Come and enjoy this comedy where twists and turns, character distortions, and hilarious situations fill the stage for a couple of hours nightly. The Good Doctor will feature Kel Rama and Marc Dellamorte.

The play will run through March 30th at 8 p.m., and closing day will include a matinee at 2 p.m. and an evening performance at 8. Ticket prices are $15 general, and $10 for students and seniors. Tickets will be available for purchase at the door prior to each performance.

This will be the first Spring play to appear at Chabot's Stage One, formally called The Little Theater. What a great opportunity to enjoy a night out on campus and see the brand new lobby and new public amenities Stage One has to offer and a renovated new space that we are so proud of.