



## New drama director takes stage at UST

Dr. Gino Chelakis makes his Houston directorial debut with Shakespeare's "A Midsummer Night's Dream" at 8 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 5-7, 11-14, and 18-21, in Jones Theatre.

"A Midsummer Night's Dream" belongs to the period of transition from Shakespeare's experimental, imitative comedy to his mature, romantic, philosophical, festive vein," according to *The Necessary Shakespeare*. In a bold and festive effort, UST's new drama professor, Dr. Chelakis, has set the play in a gritty, Prohibition-era city.

Shakespeare's original text remains intact, except for some slight adjustments, Chelakis said. "Shakespeare's play reflects the duality of the real world versus the fairy world; the UST version contrasts the law-abiding daylight world with the underground world of Prohibition."

Dr. Chelakis' life demonstrates a few differing worlds. He was born in Houston

and studied for the priesthood at the University of St. Thomas. He decided the priesthood was not for him, and he graduated from St. Edward's University. Armed with a degree in philosophy, he then joined the Houston Police Department. He graduated from the police academy, and well into his year-long probationary period he again changed his mind. "I realized that law enforcement was not for me," he said.

Dr. Chelakis moved to the West Coast, where he served as a director of casting and development for Nickelodeon. He later went eastward, landing this time in Chicago, where he earned an MFA in acting and directing at DePaul University. He also worked as an actor and director. He holds a doctorate in dramatic literature from Louisiana State University. His next stop included a tenure-track position at the University of Pennsylvania. "Then the job opened up here, and I came home as quickly as I could," he said.



Standing l-r: Whitney Bagget, Natalie Nassar; center: Skye Shrum; sitting l-r: Elizabeth Rinaldi; Bridget Fletcher



### The Pope and Islam: A Public Forum

A public forum discussing "The Pope and Islam" will be held at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 4, in Cullen Hall, 4001 Mt. Vernon, in response to the Pope's lecture on "Faith, Reason and the University" given on Sept. 12 in Regensburg.

Many Muslims around the world took exception to the Pope's words; and on Sept. 16, Cardinal Bertone, Vatican Secretary of State, said officially: "The Holy Father thus sincerely regrets that certain passages of his address could have sounded offensive to the sensitivities of the Muslim faithful, and should have been interpreted in a manner that in no way corresponds to his intentions."

Dr. John Hittinger, vice president for Academic Affairs will moderate the forum. Panelists will include Dr. Javed Ashraf, Hugh Roy and Lillie Cullen professor of finance and economics; Fr. Daniel Callam, CSB, University chaplain and associate professor of theology; and Dr. Ed Houser, professor of philosophy. The panelists will consider: What did Pope Benedict say in Regensburg and was it an attack on the Islamic religion?



### A Renaissance in Irish Technological Innovation

The Center for Irish Studies Cultural Outreach Forum and The Irish Society present Dr. Denis Headon, president of BioLink USA-Ireland, a cooperative organization bringing together specialists in the life sciences in the United States and Ireland. Dr. Headon will highlight some of the innovations pioneered by the Irish. His talk at 7:30 p.m. Oct. 5, in Cullen Hall, is titled "A Renaissance in Irish Technological Innovation."

Dr. Headon, will also discuss the emergence of a technological renaissance in Ireland. He will provide insights into contemporary Irish technological, scientific and medical innovation.

Through public and private investments, Ireland is developing the physical infrastructure to implement the most advanced research and development of intellectual property—key ingredients in building a knowledge-based economy. BioLink USA-Ireland remains the most active of collaborative enterprises in Irish technological innovation.

The lecture is free and open to the public. For more information, contact Lori Gallagher at 713-525-3592.



### LIFE TEEN: Life on the Road with Matt Maher

The LIFE TEEN conference, "Life on the Road," is coming to University of St. Thomas. It is scheduled from 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 21, in Jerabeck Center, Scanlan Room. The conference will include seven hours of practical interactive training for Christian musicians. Additionally, Matt Maher will give a concert on Friday night, as well as a Saturday workshop, presenting music techniques for Christian band members.

LIFE TEEN is an international Catholic movement that provides resources and presentation of faith experiences to help lead teens closer to Christ. They accomplish this by utilizing a vibrant Eucharistic spirituality and by creating widespread opportunities for teens to grow in their faith.

The Friday-night concert costs \$5 for UST students, faculty and staff and their families, and \$15 for general admission. Tickets for the conference and concert are \$79, and tickets for the conference alone are \$69. Registration required.

For more information, contact Sr. Maura Behrenfeld at 713-525-3589.

# Ecce Schola Cantorum: Viva voce



Have you ever walked past the Chapel of St. Basil and wondered about the chanting that you hear? Well, that Gregorian chanting is performed by the UST *Schola Cantorum* group. The UST *Schola Cantorum* started 25 years ago as an outgrowth of a music history class. Since the class was studying medieval music, it seemed appropriate to have the students sing a Latin Mass with Gregorian chant. They sang the first Mass on Nov. 19, 1981, in the UST chapel, which, at the time, was located in the Little Gallery behind the Hughes House on Yoakum.

Years later, members of the Houston community, many of whom grew up hearing Latin Masses with Gregorian chant, joined in these concerts with the

music history class. Eventually, they sang Latin Masses once a year, then once a semester. Currently, the *Schola Cantorum* sings three Masses each semester, about once a month on Tuesdays at 12:20 p.m. in the Chapel of St. Basil.

The name *Schola Cantorum* was the name of the group of singers allegedly trained during the reign of Pope Gregory I (590-604 AD). The UST *Schola* reads notation of the Middle Ages, which is based on manuscripts edited by monks of the Benedictine Abbey of Solesmes, France.

Anyone is welcome to join the *Schola Cantorum*, even beginners. Rehearsals are Tuesdays, 12:30-1:30 p.m. in Cullen Hall, Room 204. For more information contact Dr. Ann Fairbanks at 713-525-3567.

## SOL, HBSA give trash the boot



James Phalen

Last Saturday was not the typical morning for members of the Student Organization of Latinos and the Hispanic Business Student Association. Instead of sleeping late into the afternoon, these UST students were out cleaning the beaches in Galveston as part of the semiannual Adopt-a-Beach service project.

This project is part of the greater mission of SOL, which strives to bring Hispanic awareness to both UST and the Houston community.

## CIS brings major players to campus

Next week, the Center for International Studies will host three significant talks that address issues of diplomacy, global relations and war. These talks are a

part of a CIS community outreach effort. Audience members may engage the lecturers with questions. All events are free and open to the public.

### Ambassador of Iraq to the United States

The issue of Iraq is dominating our nation's political debates. Iraq's Ambassador to the United States, H.E. Mr. Samir Shakir Mahmood Sumaida'ie, will present his perspective on the future of Iraq, from 4-5 p.m. Monday, Oct. 9, in UST's Cullen Hall.

Sumaida'ie is the first Iraq Ambassador to the United States.



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Oct. 10

### Deputy Director of War on Terror Office

Brig. Gen. Mark Schissler will discuss "The War on Terrorism: The Long War" at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 10, in UST's Jones Hall.

Schissler is the deputy director for the War on Terrorism Office in the Joint Staff, U.S. Department of Defense. He is responsible for all aspects of developing and coordinating the U.S. military activities relating to the war.

### Senior Advisor, National Advocate to U.N. Foundation

Gillian Martin Sorenson will discuss "The United States and the United Nations: Common and Divergent Interests" Wednesday, from 4-5:30 p.m. Oct. 11, in UST's Cullen Hall.

She is a national advocate on matters concerning the relationship between the U.S. and U.N.



Oct. 11

## ViewPoints

### Choral Workshop

UST will hold a choral workshop at 4 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 4, at Bethany Christian Church, 3223 Westheimer. Dr. Betsy Weber will direct this year's workshop.



### Women's Volleyball Game

Support the Lady Celts as they take on the Lee College Lady Rebels at 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 5 in Baytown.

### ISS Friday Lecture Series

Luis Fernando de Angulo, Occidental Petroleum, will speak on corporate social responsibility from 2-3:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 6, in Tiller Hall.



### Blood Drive

The Gulf Coast Regional Blood Center returns for UST's 2006 fall blood drive 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday-Tuesday, Oct. 9-10 in the Jerabeck Athletic Center lobby.

## Vigil Service for St. Francis Feast Day

The Franciscan Sisters of the Eucharist invite you to a special prayer service for the Feast of St. Francis at 9 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 3 in the Chapel of St. Basil. The actual feast is celebrated on Oct. 4; however, Franciscans all over the world will celebrate the passing of St. Francis from earth to heaven, known as "Transitus," on Oct. 3. This traditional prayer service is simple, yet solemn, and will include the last prayers of St. Francis and a blessing of the city of Houston.

## UST Receives NAIA Approval

The National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics has notified University of St. Thomas officials of the University's acceptance as a full member. The NAIA, home to 25 conferences in 14 regions throughout the United States and Canada, houses institutions dedicated to the development of character and respect in our student athletes.

UST is presently scheduled as an independent in the NAIA's Red River Conference for a full season of women's volleyball. UST hopes to join this conference.

The Lady Celts are led by Jill Reynolds, former Conroe High School coach and collegiate athlete, and are 2-4.

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