

PRISONS,  
COMPASSION,  
AND PEACE

# DEAD MAN WALKING

EUGENE OPERA  
PERFORMANCES  
MARCH 15 AND 17

UNESCO/  
UNIVERSITY OF OREGON  
CONFERENCE:  
PRISONS AND PEACE

EUGENE PUBLIC LIBRARY  
COMMUNITY READ:  
*DEAD MAN WALKING*

SPONSORS, INC.  
40TH ANNIVERSARY GALA  
MARCH 16



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## PRISONS, COMPASSION, AND PEACE

Prisons, Compassion, and Peace encompasses city-wide events, featuring Prisons and Peace, a UNESCO – University of Oregon international conference; Eugene Opera's Northwest premiere of the opera *Dead Man Walking*; Eugene Public Library's Community Read of Sister Helen Prejean's classic, *Dead Man Walking*; and the 40th Anniversary celebration of Sponsors, Inc. The Downtown Initiative for the Visual Arts and the Jordan Schnitzer Museum of Art provide exhibits. Author Sr. Helen Prejean and composer Jake Heggie will participate. Unless otherwise noted, events are free and open to the public.

JAN 17, 31; FEB 14, 28, 2013

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON SCHOOL OF LAW, 4 – 5:30 PM

### Lecture Series: (Refreshments provided)

- Buddhism and the Death Penalty (Jan 17):  
Randi Getsushin Brox of the Portland-based Dharma Rain Zen Center prison volunteer program and UO French Professor.
- Judaism and the Death Penalty (Jan 31):  
Rabbi Maurice Harris, former junior Rabbi at Temple Beth Israel in Eugene and UO and LCC Instructor.
- Christianity and the Death Penalty (Feb 14):  
Dan Bryant, Pastor, First Christian Church, Eugene.
- Interreligious Perspectives on the Death Penalty: Panel Discussion (Feb 28):  
led by UO Religious Studies instructor and Gandhi scholar Veena Howard; includes Islam and Hinduism.

FEB 1 – MARCH 30, 2013

DOWNTOWN INITIATIVE FOR VISUAL ARTS  
AND EUGENE PUBLIC LIBRARY

### Exhibit: "Visions from Within"

Personal insight and the creative process: Juried exhibition created by current and former prisoners and organized by Sponsors, Inc.

Opening reception at DIVA, Friday, Feb 1, 5:30-8 PM.  
First Friday ArtWalk, Friday, March 1.

FEB 23, 2013, EUGENE PUBLIC LIBRARY: 3 PM

### Community Read Opening Event: *Dead Man Walking* by Sr. Helen Prejean

Welcome by Eugene Mayor Kitty Piercy, Eugene Public Library Director Connie Bennett, and Sponsors, Inc. Executive Director Paul Solomon. Keynote by UO Prof. Steven Shankman, UNESCO Chair for Transcultural Studies, Interreligious Dialogue, and Peace; and Dr. Mark Beudert, General Director of Eugene Opera. Poetry by prisoners, organized by Sponsors, Inc.

FEB 28, 2013, HULT CENTER LOBBY, 11:15 AM

### Performance: "SHO-case: *Dead Man Walking*"

The producers and cast of the opera, starring Metropolitan Opera soprano Janis Kelly, discuss the design of the production and perform excerpts.

MARCH 1, 2013, THE CITY CLUB OF EUGENE, 11:50 AM

### Prisons, Compassion, and Peace

The link between art and public policy will be discussed by Prof. Steven Shankman, UNESCO Chair for Transcultural Studies, Interreligious Dialogue, and Peace; Rev. Tom English, Sponsors, Inc. Board Chair and prison chaplain; Connie Bennett, Eugene Public Library Director; and Eugene Opera General Director Mark Beudert.

MARCH 1 – APR 7, 2013, JORDAN SCHNITZER MUSEUM OF ART

### Exhibit: "The Last Supper"

Painted porcelain plates by Prof. Julie Green (OSU) illustrate final meal requests of death row inmates. Artist's talk on Wed. March 6, 5:30 PM. <http://www.greenjulie.com>

MARCH 2, 2013, EUGENE PUBLIC LIBRARY, 3 PM

### *Dead Man Walking*, the film

Starring Susan Sarandon and Sean Penn: showing, commentary, and discussion starring UO Prof. Randall McGowen.

MARCH 9, 2013, EUGENE PUBLIC LIBRARY, 3 PM

### *Dead Man Walking*, the opera

Eugene Opera Director Mark Beudert and Music Director Andrew Bisantz present design images and musical themes. Principal singers provide an introduction to the opera.

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MARCH 11, 2013, SPONSORS, INC. 338 HWY 99 NORTH,  
1 - 4 PM

### **Open House to celebrate Sponsors, Inc. 40th anniversary**

Sponsors staff will provide an overview of prisoner reentry services at their award winning facility.

MARCH 13 AND 14, 2013, SCHOOL OF MUSIC AND DANCE,  
UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, NOON - 2 PM

### **Seminar and master class with *Dead Man Walking* opera composer Jake Heggie**

On March 13, the composer talks with UO student composers to offer feedback.

On March 14, the composer reflects on the music of the opera.

MARCH 14, UNIVERSITY OF OREGON SCHOOL OF LAW, 4 - 5:30

### **UNESCO/UO Conference On Prisons and Peace: Opening and Keynote**

Welcome by UNESCO Chair Prof. Steven Shankman, College of Arts and Sciences Dean Scott Coltrane, and Sr. Helen Prejean. Keynote by Lisa Guenther, Prof. of Philosophy, Vanderbilt University: "Solitary Confinement: A Living Death Sentence." Reception follows.

MARCH 15, UNIVERSITY OF OREGON SCHOOL OF LAW, 9 - 10:30 AM

### **UNESCO/UO Conference On Prisons and Peace: Panel Colloquium**

International Perspectives on the death penalty with international UNESCO Chairs, Pascale Boucaud (Lyon, France) and Dimitri Spivak (St. Petersburg, Russia).

MARCH 15, UNIVERSITY OF OREGON SCHOOL OF LAW,  
10:45 - 11 AM

### **UNESCO/UO Conference On Prisons and Peace: "On the Inside Looking Out"**

Showing of award-winning documentary about UO's Prison Exchange Program.

MARCH 15, UNIVERSITY OF OREGON SCHOOL OF LAW,  
11 AM - NOON

### **UNESCO/UO Conference On Prisons and Peace: Address by Colette Peters**

Address by Colette Peters, Director, Oregon Department of Corrections. Discussion led by Prof. Shankman and Sr. Helen Prejean.

MARCH 15, UNIVERSITY OF OREGON SCHOOL OF LAW,  
2 - 3:30 PM

### **UNESCO/UO Conference On Prisons and Peace: From Book to Libretto**

Author Sr. Helen Prejean, composer Jake Heggie, and the Eugene Opera artistic team discuss the transition of Sr. Prejean's life story to art and the role of art in public policy.

MARCH 15, 2013, HULT CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS,  
STUDIO ONE, 5:30 - 6:30 PM

### **"Meet-and-greet" with *Dead Man Walking* composer Jake Heggie and author Sr. Helen Prejean**

How they view the work - a brief discussion in the intimate setting of Studio One at the Hult. Fundraiser for Eugene Opera. For tickets (\$25), call Hult Center ticket office, 541-682-5000.

MARCH 16, 2013, EUGENE PUBLIC LIBRARY, 2 PM

### **Sr. Helen Prejean Speaks**

Talk, discussion, and book signing by Sr. Helen Prejean.

MARCH 16, 2013, FORD ALUMNI CENTER AT UO, 6 - 9 PM

### **Gala Dinner and Fundraiser: Sponsors, Inc. 40th anniversary celebration with Sr. Helen Prejean**

Sr. Helen is keynote speaker. This gala event honors Sponsors' 40 years of prisoner reentry services in Lane County. For tickets (\$100), visit [www.sponsorsinc.org](http://www.sponsorsinc.org) or call 541-485-8341.

MARCH 15, 7:30 PM AND MARCH 17, 2:30 PM

### **Opera: *Dead Man Walking* by Jake Heggie**

The Pacific Northwest premiere of this commanding opera is the culminating event of the UNESCO-UO Conference and the Eugene Public Library's Community Read. Metropolitan Opera soprano Janis Kelly sings the role of Sr. Helen. For tickets, call Hult Center ticket office, 541-682-5000.

MARCH 19, 2013, EUGENE PUBLIC LIBRARY, 5:30 PM

### **Readings: Prison-related Poetry and Prose**

The Windfall Reading Series of the Library presents this program of readings, organized by Lane Literary Guild and Sponsors, Inc.

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