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
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 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.

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.

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 PM
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
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 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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