

# Musical thriller 'Sweeney Todd' dishes up fun at USD Theatre April 16-22

The University of South Dakota Department of Theatre presents the musical thriller "Sweeney Todd: The Demon Barber of Fleet Street," April 18-22, in the Wayne S. Knutson Theatre of the Warren M. Lee Center for the Fine Arts.

Matt Nesmith, assistant professor and coordinator of Musical Theatre at USD, portrays the title role of Sweeney Todd. Nesmith, an alumnus of USD where he received an M.F.A. in Theatre with a specialization in Directing and a Master's of Music in Vocal Performance, has been on faculty in the

Theatre Department for the past two years.

During his time at USD he has served as musical director for "Evita," was both the musical and stage director for "Avenue Q" and last year's "25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee." Nesmith also trod the boards of the Knutson Theatre as an actor appearing in the department's productions of "Noises Off" and "Julius Caesar" as a graduate student. Since that time, he has worked at theatres in Michigan, New Hampshire and Germany as well as at The Black Hills Playhouse in Custer State

Park. "Sweeney Todd" is a chilling musical based on Christopher Bond's retelling of the Victorian penny dreadful, "The String of Pearls," which recounts the infamous legend of a vengeful barber out for blood. The tale begins in Victorian London as two men, Anthony Hope, played by Patrick Beasley of Lincoln, NE, and Sweeney Todd disembark from their ship. Hope befriends Sweeney Todd but while he sees the beauty of London, Sweeney sees its bleakness and filth. Sweeney Todd tells Anthony an unfortunate tale about a

barber, Benjamin Barker, who was framed for a crime and exiled by the lecherous Judge Turpin, played by Nick McCleery of Dallas, OR, who then ravaged Barker's young wife. As Sweeney travels Fleet Street, he encounters Mrs. Lovett, played by Tarryn Rouse of Doniphan, NE, and her meat pies. Mrs. Lovett recognizes Sweeney Todd as Benjamin Barker and reports that his wife is dead and his daughter, Johanna, played by Brianna Wetrosky of Brandon, SD, is now Judge Turpin's ward and the woman he plans to marry. Todd's hatred for the Judge soon expands to his

customers in his barber shop, and with his new found partnership with Mrs. Lovett, they are about to make the best meat pies London has ever tasted.

The original 1979 Broadway production of "Sweeney Todd" won eight Tony Awards. In 2007, this musical thriller found its way to the big screen with an all-star cast of Johnny Depp (Sweeney Todd), Helena Bonham Carter (Mrs. Lovett) and Alan Rickman (Judge Turpin) with Tim Burton as director.

USD's production of "Sweeney Todd" is directed by

Chaya Gordon-Bland and the music director is Brandon Henrickson. Performances are at 7:30 p.m., April 18-21, and at 2 p.m. on April 22 at the Wayne S. Knutson Theatre on the USD campus. A post-show discussion will follow Thursday evening's (April 19) performance. Tickets (\$15 adults, \$9 K-12 & non-USD students with ID, and \$4 USD students with ID) can be reserved online at [www.usd.edu/theatre](http://www.usd.edu/theatre) or in the afternoons (noon-5 p.m.) starting Wednesday, April 11 by calling the USD Theatre Box Office at (605) 677-5400.

## FOR THE RECORD

### Cases Disposed 03/30-04/5/2012

Wendy Kay McIntosh, 47103 319th, Burbank; Seat belt violation, \$25.00

Kylea Sheley, 614 N. Plum #307, Vermillion; Speeding other roadways, \$19.00 plus costs

Michelle Lynn Williams, 118 N. Plum St., Vermillion; Seat belt violation, \$25.00

James Williams III, 42260 258th St., Alexandria; County speeding, \$39.00 plus costs

Sydney Ann Hofer, 214 N. Plum, Vermillion; Renewal registration during assigned month, \$54.00 plus costs

Tyler Alan Stenberg, 208 11th Ave. E., Mobridge; Fail to stop or slow down for school bus, \$54.00 plus costs

Samuel Parkinson, 700 E. Cherry St. #331, Vermillion; Speeding other roadways, \$39.00 plus costs

Charles R. Dickenson, 16 Cypress Dr., Vermillion; Speeding other roadways, \$99.00 plus costs

Christian Hunhoff, 43937 303rd, Yankton; Speeding other roadways, \$19.00 plus costs

Wilfred Joseph Schmidt, 31362 University Rd., Vermillion; Driving on wrong side of road, \$54.00

plus costs

Ryan O'Connor, 2902 Peterson Road, Vermillion; Urinating in public, \$104.00 plus costs

Jenifer Bergman, 424 Cottage Ave., Vermillion; Municipal speeding, \$39.00 plus costs

Kayla Marie Thompson, 1504 Lewis Street, Vermillion; Driving with suspended (not revoked) license, \$204.00 plus costs

Emma D. Lunning, 46939 Highway 50, Vermillion; Failure to make proper stop at stop intersection, \$54.00 plus costs

Chad Cable, 620 Canby St., Vermillion; Seat belt violation, \$25.00

Deana Diane Fuller, 117 S. Yale St., Vermillion; Overdriving road conditions, \$54.00 plus costs

Keith Martinez, 711 N. Plum St. Apt. 316, Vermillion; Speeding other roadways, \$39.00 plus costs

Rachel K. Sage, 1400 Amberwood H9, Norfolk, NE; Speeding other roadways, \$39.00 plus costs

Jordan Daniel Hoffman, 6 E. Dartmouth #3, Vermillion; Seat belt violation, \$25.00

Anna Marie Patterson, 700 Nicholas Ave., Brandon;

Seat belt violation, \$25.00

Rachel Emily Olson, 29623 458th Ave., Centerville; Driving to left on approach to intersection, \$54.00 plus costs

Ailee D. Johns, 200 Elm St. #201, Vermillion; Renewal registration during assigned month, \$54.00 plus costs

Tanner D. Ulrickson, 707 N. Plum #119, Vermillion; Seat belt violation, \$25.00

Sandra Wilch, 411 Stanford St. #1, Vermillion; Operator assure passengers 5-18 Wear seat belts, \$25.00

Tyler Anglin, 704 W. Broadway, Vermillion; Seat belt violation, \$25.00

Kyle Edward Kelleher, 5 E. Main St. #5, Vermillion; Seat belt violation, \$25.00

**Judge Tami Bern presiding** Samuel Martin, 713 W. Chestnut, Vermillion; Simple assault, \$300.00 plus costs; Thirty days county jail is suspended based on the conditions of the court

Eric Arnold Anderson, 1409 W. Heather Ridge Cir., Sioux Falls; Reckless driving\*, \$525.00 plus costs; Possession of alcohol by minor\*, \$114.00 plus costs; Use or possession of drug paraphernalia\*, dismissed;

\*This offense may have been previously reported as having been disposed

Meghan Beth Taylor, 308 Elm Street, Vermillion; Petty theft 2nd degree-\$400 or less, dismissed; Displaying another's license as one's own, \$300.00 plus costs; Possession of alcohol by minor, \$54.00 plus costs

Allison Redcloud, 833 E. Duke Street #55, Vermillion; Driving under influence-1st offense, \$350.00 plus costs; Five days county jail is suspended based on the conditions of the court

Sean Michael Doane, 856 Madison St., Vermillion; Having an altered or invalid license in possession, \$300.00 plus costs; Impersonation to deceive law enforcement officer, dismissed; Give person alcohol ages 18-21 or without parent, dismissed

Possession of alcohol by minor, court costs

Jessica Helmers, 2401 10th Street #117, Brookings; Driving under influence-1st offense, \$350.00 plus costs

Matthew V. Arndt, 324 Elm Street, Vermillion; Driving under influence-1st offense, dismissal-reduction; Reckless driving, \$350.00 plus costs

Mark Styles, 310 W. Broadway, Vermillion; Driving with revoked (not suspended) license, \$100.00 plus costs

Davean Omar Millwood, 324 N. Main Ave., Garretson; Possess two ounces of marijuana or less, dismissed; Ingest intoxicant other than alcoholic beverage, \$371.00 plus costs; Use or possession of drug paraphernalia

Judson George Petersen, 901 Rose Street #305D, Vermillion; Vandalism-\$400 less-3rd degree, \$100.00 plus costs; Five days jail is suspended based on the conditions of the court

Natasha Rayanne Adams, 1303 E. Main St., Vermillion; Possession of alcohol by minor, \$54.00 plus costs

Sophia Makell Arens, 1305 23rd St., Sioux City, IA; Possession of alcohol by minor, \$54.00 plus costs; Five days jail suspended

Kevin Earl, 901 Rose #445, Vermillion; Possession of alcohol by minor, \$114.00 plus costs

Benjamin Staum, 901 Rose #359, Vermillion;

Possession of alcohol by minor, \$54.00 plus costs

Candace Nicole Harper, Olson Hall #209, Vermillion; Possession of alcohol by minor, \$54.00 plus costs

Christina Mary Strassburg, 1160 W. 22nd St. #303, Sioux Falls; Possession of alcohol by minor, \$54.00 plus costs

Andrea Adema, 142 Greencourt Dr., Elk Point; Possession of alcohol by minor, \$54.00 plus costs

Dylan Harm Kor, 700 E. Cherry St. #326, Vermillion; Possession of alcohol by minor, \$54.00 plus costs

Nicole Wiese, 700 E. Cherry St. #313, Vermillion; Possession of alcohol by minor, \$54.00 plus costs

Davean Omar Millwood, 324 N. Main Ave., Garretson; Open container, dismissed

Mitchell McAdoo, 914 Pebble Beach Dr., Dakota Dunes; Possession of alcohol by minor, \$114.00 plus costs

### Vermillion Grief Support Group

Grief is the natural and universal reaction people have to the loss of those they love. **The purpose of this group is to offer understanding, information, and support** to individuals 18 years and older who are going through this difficult process.

Please join us on the last Thursday of each month **at the small conference room at the Vermillion Public Library from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.** The next group will be held on April 26th, 2012. This is an open group - anyone may attend whenever they want. Most groups will be unstructured, where members can share whatever experiences they feel comfortable sharing. For more information, please call (605) 677-5354 M-F, 8-5.

Sponsored by the University of South Dakota Psychological Services Center



UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH DAKOTA

**New MINNETONKA Are In!**  
SANDALS

Sizes 6-11 with over 25 styles to choose from!

**Boston Shoes to Boots**  
312 W. 3rd • Yankton • 665-9092

**Hartington Tree Service**

Tree Trimming • Removals/Transplanting  
Evergreen Shade & Ornamental Trees For Sale

Serving SE South Dakota & NE Nebraska for 17 years  
[www.hartingtontree.com](http://www.hartingtontree.com)  
Kyle & Kent Hochstein • (402)254-6710

**TODD'S ELECTRIC SERVICE**  
"The Line To Power"

Design/Build • Fiber Cabling • Commercial • Residential  
Service Calls • Boom Truck with Auger • Trenching

Serving the Beresford and Vermillion Areas

**1-800-560-2518**  
1221 Cornell St., Vermillion, SD • 605-624-5642  
201 NW 13th St., Ste. 3, Beresford, SD • 800-560-2518

**PROFESSIONAL CARPET & UPHOLSTERY CLEANING & DISASTER RESTORATION SERVICE**

Satisfying customers for 43 years!  
Plan ahead! Call today for your appointment.

**LOUIE'S**  
carpet cleaning, Inc.  
877-Louies3 (568-4373) • 624-2485

**Thank You** **Café Brulé**

SPECIAL THANKS TO **CHEF ROBERT HESSE**  
FROM **Hell's Kitchen**

Domestic Violence Safe Options Services of Vermillion is very grateful for your contributions making the Hell's Kitchen Event a big success.

Thank you Monica Iverson, Chef Jim Waters and your families for all the steadfast support you offer to those who suffer from abuse.