Maastricht Institute of Entrepreneurship

The Maastricht Institute of Entrepreneurship is set for April 11-13. This year's institute features a diverse group of speaker including: William Welter '66, Owner of Welter and Associates, Las Vegas; E.J. Narcise '81, founder and CEO of Team Services, LLC, Glendwood, Md.; Judy Redlich '74, manager of Joni and Friends Getaway, St. Louis; Rocky Reingnner '73, managing director of Real Growth Funding, Thousand Oaks, Calif.; Ratana Tshibanda, founder of RT Productions, LLC, Kansas City, Mo.; Maikel Beerens, founder of Xilloc Medical, Maastricht, the Netherlands; Mitch Maurits, MSc., starting entrepreneur in tech web and research, Maastricht, the Netherlands; Dr. Dane Miller, co-founder, former CEO, and board member of Biomet, Inc., Warsaw, Ind.; and Wynand Bodewes, Senior Lecturer in Entrepreneurship at Maastricht University, Maastricht, the Netherlands.

Spring Theatre Performance

The Missouri Valley College fine arts department presented “The Seventh Monarch,” a play by Jim Henry, March 31-April 3 in the Eckison-Mabee Theatre. This was a unique opportunity for MVC theatre, it created four different endings for the show, and Henry conducted an audience talkback each night to elicit audience responses to these endings. Henry will use the audience feedback in order to create a new ending for the show before it moves to New York.

Bob James Jazz Festival

Garry Anders, MVC’s band director, and Clarence Smith, an award-winning music educator in Kansas City, formerly of Marshall, are coordinating the Bob James Jazz Festival. The jazz clinic will be held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, May 21 in the Eckison-Mabee Theatre. A concert will be held from 4-9 p.m. Jazz clinic students will open the concert followed by several professional jazz performers.

International Refugee Band to Perform

The Sierra Leone’s Refugee All Stars band will make a stop at Missouri Valley College to perform for faculty, staff, students and members of the Marshall community. The band will perform from 9-11 a.m. on April 20 in the Eckison-Mabee Theatre on the MVC campus. The band is comprised of six Sierra Leonean musicians who came together to form a band while living as refugees in the Republic of Guinea. A brutal civil war (1991-2002) forced them from their home in Sierra Leone. Members of the band have experienced the atrocities of war and use song to tell their story. The band has toured extensively to raise awareness for humanitarian causes. In just five years the group has been the subject of an acclaimed documentary film, “The Sierra Leone’s Refugee All Stars,” toured the world to support a critically revered album, appeared on the Oprah Winfrey show, had their music featured in the Leonardo DiCaprio movie, “Blood Diamond,” and shared the stage and studio with Aerosmith, Keith Richards, and other international stars.

April 5 Scholar Banquet
April 5 Senior Employment Symposium
April 11-13 Maastricht Institute of Entrepreneurship
April 18 Spring Dance Showcase ~ Eckison-Mabee Theatre
April 22 Classes cancelled and campus closed for Good Friday
April 24 Jazz Band Concert ~ Eckison-Mabee Theatre
April 29 Last day of classes
May 7 Graduation

Alumni Association News

The Alumni Association is accepting nominations for the 2011 Outstanding Alumni and Outstanding Young Alumni awards. To nominate someone go to http://www.moval.edu/alumni/outstanding_alumni.php. Deadline for submissions is April 15.

Senior Send-off will be held April 25 at Stone Hedge Golf Club.

An alumni social will be held July 8 at Busch Stadium, more details to follow.