

Einstein's dreams come to life in the new USD production

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It was a late Sunday night at Shiley Theatre, and while most USD Toreros were packing into Aromas and the Copley Library in a valiant attempt to complete their weekend homework assignments, the students of the USD Theatre Arts Department were busy at work. The team consisting of actors, designers, directors and technicians, have spent over 100 hours crafting this fall's Theater Arts production, "Einstein's Dreams."

Directed by USD's Theater Arts Director, Colleen Kelly, "Einstein's Dreams," is an adaptation of Allen Lightman's world-renowned novel by the same name in which the famous mathematician Albert Einstein dreams of worlds in which "time, space, and motion flow in unconventional ways." From a world in which time flows backwards, to a world in which the future is non-existent, director Colleen Kelley has taken the scientific theories encompassed in the novel "Einstein's Dreams" and adapted them into an artistic stage production that celebrates science while at the same time combining the worlds of technology and art.

The result is a smorgasbord of art and science, as actors glide across the stage in poetically choreographed sequences,



Actors pour out their souls during rehearsal in preparation of the Oct. 29th release date.

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while reveling in the theories of one of the world's greatest scientists.

With science being the key theme of this artistic production, it is Colleen Kelly's main goal to commemorate the opening of the Donald P. Shiley Center for Science and Technology. She does this with a theater production that, according to Kelly, "celebrates the relation-

ship of arts and sciences and provides for a place where the people of arts and sciences can come together."

"Einstein's Dreams" is a student-run production, tying in the work of students from USD's technical theater and production classes. The cast is composed of student volunteers and a guest performer, Dimiter Marinoff of the San Diego Old

Globe Theater. These individuals have spent countless hours of dedication to produce their final product; a play that is imaginative and poetically artistic, using period costumes, choreographed movement, large set designs and projection screens.

"Einstein's Dreams" runs under 90 minutes and will be performed Wednesday, Oct. 29 through Saturday, Nov. 1 at 8:00pm in Shiley Theatre. Matinees are at 2:00 pm. on Saturday, Nov. 1 and Sunday Nov. 2. Advance tickets are available at USD's Hahn University Center box Office (619)260-4600 ext. 4901. Tickets are also available at the Shiley Theatre one hour

before curtain. For more information, email theatrearts@sandiego.edu or call (619)260-7934. For freshmen there will be a "Freshmen Night" where tickets are half price for freshmen students. Contact theatre arts for more information. Also, if you are interested in volunteering for "Einstein's Dreams," contact James Feinberg at Feinberg@sandiego.edu to get involved.