Show for Chocaholics Comes to Keith-Albee April 13
The fun-filled world-premiere stage musical, “Roald Dahl’s Willy Wonka” comes to the Keith-Albee Theatre, Thursday, April 13 at 7 p.m. with Huntington native Chris Siemore in a leading role.
The show is a collaboration of the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts Imagination Celebration Tour and the Marshall Artists Series.
Adapted from Dahl’s children’s novel, “Charlie and the Chocolate Factory,” the show invites audience members on an adventure of pure imagination where the rules are backward.

Audiences will journey through Willy Wonka’s chocolate factory and the horizons of one child’s hopeful heart.
The musical spins the story of Willy Wonka, the world’s greatest candy maker, who has kept the wonders of his chocolate factory a secret until now. Ready to retire, Wonka launches a search for the perfect person to take his place. Following a frantic search for the Golden Tickets hidden inside five special Wonka bars, a sweet boy named Charlie Bucket and four other Golden Ticket winners get the tour of a lifetime in the mysterious candy maker’s fantastical factory.
The show features live actors, puppets and memorable songs including “The Candy Man,” “I Want It Now” and “Pure Imagination.”
Huntington native Siemore, who will play the part of Mike Teavee, a child obsessed with television, boasts numerous regional and professional performance credits. He also has performed concerts in New York City and West Virginia. To purchase tickets, or for additional information, call 304-696-6666 or visit the box office located in the Joan C. Edwards Performing Arts Center. Box office hours are noon to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

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firm where he has practiced accounting for the past 27 years. He graduated magna cum laude from Marshall with a bachelor of business administration degree in 1977 and currently is pursuing a Master of Taxation degree through the University of Tusla. He was a member of the Alumni Association board of directors from 1985 to 2003 and served as president of the board from 2000 to 2003.
The Carolyn B. Hunter Distinguished Faculty Service Award will be presented to Dr. Ramchandra Akkihal, professor of finance and economics in the College of Business.
Akkihal, a native of India, has been with Marshall since 1968 as a professor and researcher. He was director of the MBA program for 13 years and currently serves as director of the Dhavan (India) MBA program for the Lewis College of Business (LCOB), the first Marshall degree offered overseas. He is chair of the governing board and director of the Institute of Advanced Studies in Dhavan (India). Akkihal is founding president of the Tri-State India Association, which provides financial support for higher education library resources and scholarships at Marshall.
Two Nancy Pelphey Herd Village Scholarships will be awarded to deserving students. The scholarship was established in 1998 by the MUAA board of directors in honor of Pelphey, who is coordinator of Herd Village. Pelphey for the scholarship come from Herd Village proceeds. The scholarships will be given to Mallory Evans of Ola, a member of the marching band, and Mary Cathleen Mosley of Chapmanville, a member of the cheerleading squad.
The Cam Henderson Scholarship Award will go to Gallipolis, Ohio, graduate student. He graduated magna cum laude from Marshall with a degree in biology. He was a member of the Thundering Herd football team and served as team captain. Mullins has volunteered for a number of civic groups, including Upward Bound, Big Brothers/Big Sisters and the United Way.
The River Cities Club was chosen as the Alumni Association Club of the Year. Two new awards, the Student Life is a Canvas: Paint a Masterpiece at 2 p.m. A fashion show presented by Marshall’s of Huntington follows at 2:30 p.m. A drawing for door prizes at 3 p.m. will close out the day’s activities.

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ments; and a featured Alumni Lecture by distinguished alumni Drs. Lonnie B. Thompson and Ellen-Mosley-Thompson at 1 p.m. in the Francis- Booth Experimental Theatre.
The public is also invited to attend the inaugural events.


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Kopp Inauguration Planned for April 21
Marshall University faculty and staff are invited to attend the inauguration of Dr. Stephen J. Kopp as the 36th President of Marshall University at 2 p.m., Friday, April 21 in a ceremony in the Joan C. Edwards Performing Arts Center. A reception will follow the ceremony.
Kopp previously served as special assistant to the chancellor with the Ohio Board of Regents and was a former provost of Ohio University. He also was the founding dean of the Herbert H. and Grace A. Dow College of Health Professions at Central Michigan University and founding dean of the College of Allied Health Professions at Midwestern University. He also served in a variety of positions for nearly 20 years at the Chicago College of Osteopathic Medicine.
Kopp received his B.S. in biology in 1973 from the University of Notre Dame, and his Ph.D. in Physiology and Biophysics in 1976 from the University of Illinois at Chicago. He was a postdoctoral fellow at St. Louis University.

Celebration of Academics Continues with Drinko Honors Convocation
Dr. O. E. Wilson, considered one of the most highly respected scientists in the world, will speak on “The Future of Life” at the Elizabeth Gibson Drinko Honors Convocation at 7 p.m. April 7 in the Joan C. Edwards Performing Arts Center.
The Honors Convocation is an awards recognition ceremony for Marshall’s outstanding honors students. It is the highlight of the 12th annual John Dover Drinko and Elizabeth Gibson Drinko Honors Convocation of Academics which began April 6 with the Drinko Symposium. Dr. Charles Somerville, interim head of the department of biological sciences and this year’s Drinko Fellow, was the featured speaker.

Accreditation Team Arrives April 10
A team of 11 representatives from the North Central Association/Higher Learning Commission will visit Marshall University’s Huntington and South Charleston campuses April 10-12. Based on what they find, the team will recommend continued accreditation and/or some follow-up action.
A Steering Committee of 15 people and five subcommittees, consisting of approximately 35 additional people, have been working on a self-study document for two years, according to Dr. Leonard Deutsch, Dean of the Graduate College and Self-Study coordinator.
The visiting team has read the report and will be confirming its veracity by interviewing students, faculty members and staff. They will also examine documentation collected in the resource room which is located in the Memorial Student Center’s Shawkay Room, according to Deutsch.

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Administrative Professionals to Be Celebrated April 19

"Creating Excellence" is the theme of the 2006 Administrative Professionals Day, which is scheduled for Wednesday, April 19 in the Don Morris Room of the Memorial Student Center. The event is sponsored by the Marshall Community & Technical College.

Participants can select two workshops from among the seven. The workshops begin at 8:30 a.m. and it takes place at 7 p.m. Saturday, April 22 in the Memorial Student Center’s Don Morris Room.

The banquet highlights Alumni Weekend, which is April 21-22 and features the theme, "Memories are Made of This." The cost to attend the banquet is $40 per person or $30 for Non-Marshall. For more information or to reserve a seat, call Kimberly Hudson in the alumni office at ext. 62901.

Alumni Weekend is one of our most highly anticipated events of the year," Sharon Porter, director of the Marshall University Alumni Association, said. "It’s a time to showcase our Marshall alumni, K.V.A. for them to see the campus in the spring and enjoy all of the activities planned for Friday and Saturday."

The banquet will be a special surprise from one of the honorees at the banquet. "We love showcasing Marshall’s best and brightest alumni," she said.

EMBA Open Houses Slated for April 22 and 29

Prospective students in the Marshall Executive MBA program will have an opportunity this month to meet with faculty members, learn more about the program and have questions answered at sessions scheduled on the South Charleston and Huntington campuses.

The South Charleston session will take place from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, April 22 in the Robert C. Byrd Academic and Technology Center on the South Charleston campus.

The Huntington session will take place from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, April 29 in the John Marshall Room on the second floor of the Memorial Student Center.

Note of Thanks

Thank you for all the many expressions of love and support during the illness and passing of my father. Words cannot express my gratitude for the many prayers, calls, cards, flowers, and visits. I am truly blessed with wonderful friends. God Bless each of you.

Betty Cook

Annual Alumni Weekend Begins April 21

Guyer retired as director of the Higher Education for Learning Problems (H.E.L.P.) in August 2004. As director emeritus, she continues to be an integral part of the program, especially with Medical H.E.L.P., fundraising and representing H.E.L.P. at conferences.

The Distinguished Service to Marshall Award will be presented to James E. Gibson and past Alumni Association President Jeffrey Porter.

Gibson, a 1962 graduate, is a retired businessman living in Sarasota, Fla. He has provided significant financial support to Marshall by establishing the Verna K. and James E. Gibson Endowment for Yeager Scholars and was a major donor in the H.E.L.P. program building fund.

Gibson has been active in the Big Green Scholarship Foundation, the Society of Yeager Scholars and the Marshall University Foundation.

Porter owns Porter & Associates, CPA, a Huntington firm.

Alumni Weekend Events

A complete list of Alumni Weekend events, April 21-22 with this year’s theme, "Memories are Made of This" includes:

A Champagne Reception Friday, April 21, from 6 to 7 p.m. is scheduled for the Booth Experimental Theatre in the Joan C. C. -a.m. in the Performing Arts Center. Heavy hors d’oeuvres will be served. Following the reception at 8 p.m. is the play, "The Tragedy of Julius Caesar," by William Shakespeare, performed by Marshall’s department of theatre. The cost of the reception and play is $20 per person. This includes coffee with the Director from 7 to 8 p.m.

The cost of attending the reception only is $10.

Saturday events include:

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