



## **MPC THEATRE COMPANY TO HOST “The Magic of Theatrical Costume” Workshop**

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### **PRESS RELEASE FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

MONTEREY, CA – Monterey Peninsula College Theatre Arts Department is pleased to host the Costume Society of America - Western Region “The Magic of Theatrical Costume” Workshop on Saturday, October 25<sup>th</sup>.

Join faculty members from the MPC Theatre Arts Department and the MPC Family and Consumer Sciences Program for a very special day devoted to ‘behind-the-scenes’ theatrical costume techniques and treasures. Faculty members will share the expertise in creating costumes and woven textiles, as well as information about MPC’s instructional programs. This day-long program includes a half-day workshop on conveying character identity through costume. We’ll learn aging, distressing and other techniques of the theatrical costumer by using non-toxic paints, dyes and household products such as hair gel and cinnamon.

Constance Gamiere, Costume Designer & Drama instructor, will give a very unique tour of the MPC costume shop and scene shop, showing distressed costumes from MPC’S August 2008 production of “Urinetown, the Musical”. Tour the Family and Consumer Sciences facilities along with a weaving demonstration with Naeda Robinson, weaving instructor and Lauren Michael, fashion instructor.

The Afternoon will feature a “Distressing Costumes” workshop taught by Tara Maginnis, who is best known for her creation of *The Costumer’s Manifesto*, one of the World Wide Web’s largest, and most eclectic, costume sites. Maginnis is currently a part time costume design specialist at Diablo Valley College. Previously, Maginnis was a professor and costume designer in the Theatre Department of the University of Alaska Fairbanks from 1990-2007.

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