

# **Sakura Festival: Cherry blossoms, friendship, optimism**

Clark College celebrated its annual Sakura Festival on April 20. Rain and cool temperatures moved the community event from underneath a canopy of cherry blossoms to inside Gaiser Student Center. The event was presented by Clark College, the city of Vancouver and Vancouver Rotary.

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# **Inaugural Black Student and Family Fair**

More than 125 people attended the Black Student and Family Fair in Gaiser Student Center on April 15. Although most students were of high school age, middle school and elementary students also attended.

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# **CTE Showcase: High school students learn about Clark's programs**

More than 250 high school juniors and seniors explored degrees and programs offered at a career pathways event at Gaiser Hall

on April 18.

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## **Open House: Veterans Center of Excellence**

Often when veterans enroll at Clark College, they aren't aware of the assistance they can receive at the center, said Megan Anderson, manager. Even students who are not veterans themselves but have a parent or spouse who is or was a veteran, may qualify for Veterans Affairs (VA) education benefits. Staff can connect student veterans to agencies, programs and support.

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## **Spring 2023 Welcome Week: Involvement & Financial Wellness Fair**

Gaiser Hall's Student Center bustled with activity as students, staff, and faculty gathered for Clark's Spring Term Involvement & Financial Wellness Fair in the Gaiser Hall Student Center on April 5.

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# **Clark College honors Vietnam War veterans by dedicating Witness Tree**

More than 100 Vietnam War veterans, families and supporters gathered at Clark College on March 29 to dedicate a Witness Tree commemorating the 50th anniversary of the end of U.S. involvement in the Vietnam War.

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## **2023 State of the College Address**

Clark College President, Dr. Karin Edwards, delivered the annual State of the College address Thursday, January 19, 2023. This annual address is an opportunity for college students, faculty, and staff, as well as members of the community and local leaders, to learn about the organization's ongoing evolution.

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## **Opening Day 2022**

Clark College starts the new academic year with its first in-person Opening Day since 2019.

President Edwards said that although she has been at Clark College for over 2 years, this was the first in-person opening

day celebration, and she was loving it!

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## **Celebrating the Class of 2022**

Clark College honored its 86th graduating class at the 2022 Clark College Commencement ceremony held Thursday evening, June 16, at the RV Inn Style Resorts Amphitheater. The college conferred over 1,900 degrees and certificates for the next generation of our community's workers, leaders, and scholars.

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## **The curtain rises**



Actors Andrew Poletto and Dani Neblock rehearse a scene from the one-act "Sure Thing" in February 2022. They will be some of the first performers to be part of a live-audience theatre production at Clark College since the COVID-19 pandemic began. *Photo: Mark Owsley/Clark College.*

In theatre, they say, timing is everything. And now, at long last, the timing is right to bring back live dramatic productions to Clark College. After moving to remote operation due to the COVID-19 pandemic in March 2020, the Clark College Theatre Department returns to in-person performances at Decker Theatre, with a collection of one-act plays running March 10-12.

"We are elated to return to live theatre," says Theatre department chair Dr. Gene Biby. "After nearly a two-year hiatus, our students are thrilled to be rehearsing and performing once again. This production is six sketches that include a cast and crew composed of current and former Clark College students."

*All in the Timing* is a collection of six one-act plays written

by David Ives. Winner of the John Gassner Playwrighting Award, the collection has been described by the *New York Times* as “like sketches for some hilarious, celestially conceived revue. The writing is not only very funny, it has density of thought and precision of poetry.”

*All in the Timing* runs March 10, 11 & 12 in the Decker Theater, on Clark College’s main campus. Visit [www.clark.edu/maps](http://www.clark.edu/maps) for maps and directions. All performances are at 7:30 p.m. Admission is \$5 and tickets can be purchased through the Clark College Bookstore. Seats will be assigned upon arrival. Social distancing and mask requirements are in effect for these performances.

This show contains adult themes, language, and content and is recommended for a mature audience.

## **Full cast and crew**

### ***Sure Thing***

- Directed by Linda Owsley
- Cast: Andrew Poletto and Dani Neblock

### ***Words, Words, Words***

- Directed by Sterling Buck
- Cast: Neil Wade Freer, Colby Conerly, and Lizzy Swanson

### ***Variations on the Death of Trotsky***

- Directed by Travis Beagley
- Cast: Sterling Buck, Ariel Huntley, and Andrew Poletto

## ***The Philadelphia***

- Directed by Lila Soelberg
- Cast: Andrew York, Brenden Kinnee, and Madison Harris

## ***The Universal Language***

- Directed by Autumn Fivecoats
- Cast: Lizzy Swanson, Neil Wade Freer, and Vic Paxman

## ***English Made Simple***

- Directed by Dani Neblock
- Cast: Ariel Huntley, Vic Paxman, and Corey Harper

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