

THE CABINET OF DR. CALIGARI

Yes, you know Dracula, the Mummy, Frankenstein, and the Wolf Man, but do you know Dr. Caligari and his precious Cesare? If not, then you should come out and see his classic silent film made in 1919. Considered by many to be one of the greatest films of all time, Walking Boxes Productions will be presenting this vintage gem with a new original script and soundtrack. It's a rare opportunity for the audience to view a film as all its dialogue, music, and sound effects are created live right before them. The whole production has a novelty quality to it, but be warned – it's no comedy – it is a psychological thriller set in a world that seems to have been created by the brushstrokes of some twisted cousin of Van Gogh. There have been some intriguing showings of old silent films with live music around Minneapolis recently, but none have attempted to bring in vocal actors dubbing lines and sound artists creating effects at the same time the music is played. Does the experiment work? We think so, but you'll have to tell us...

FLYHARD JENKINS LIVE-OFF-THE-AIR

Flyhard is back and will be hosting two different shows in April featuring a total of eight different musical acts. Underground copies of two of his shows (featuring Horace Greeley and Srazhalys) have been circulating and Walking Boxes has put some clips from these shows on their website for you to sample (www.walkingboxes.com/discography.html) Flyhard's latest shows will also feature his brand new theme song: Flyhard's Formula.



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SRAZHALYS & THE MUSICKER

Dmitri Andreyev of the ensemble Srazhalys appeared as a Russian-Roma(Gypsy) soldier during WWII in the production of The Musicker's Tribunal back in 2004. We did not see him in episode two: The Musicker's Lantern, but rumor has it that the third installment of the Musicker series is slated to premier this fall and that the episode is to be completely devoted to further telling the story of the character Dmitri portrayed in episode one. Dmitri says he's been hard at work creating the soundtrack for the new show, so if you enjoy the music of Srazhalys, watch for upcoming information about that next installment of the Musicker's misadventures. For a sneak preview of one of the new songs for that show, come see Srazhalys perform on April 23rd at the Acadia.

THE ERSTWHILISTS

The acting troupe that brought you the retro-style stage shows Donovan's Brain and Caligari have been newly named: The Erstwhilists. Rumor has it that these purveyors of nostalgic and novel dramatic forms are at work creating a new radio play in the fashion of a 1950s detective drama with a sci-fi twist. From the age when the "Sputnik crisis" had many Americans frightened that the Soviets had technologically surpassed the U.S. and were conquering space, what kind of tales were heard on the radio? The Erstwhilists plan to tell such a story which may not seem as naive and outdated today as one might think. Watch for this show's premier in the Fall.

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