

## **MEDIA ADVISORY**

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### **National Academy of Sciences Announces Two Robot-Themed Events in June**

WASHINGTON – Cultural Programs of the National Academy of Sciences (CPNAS) announces two robot-themed events in June: A D.C. Art Science Evening Rendezvous on June 19 and a staged theatrical reading of R.U.R. (Rossum’s Universal Robots) in collaboration with the Shakespeare Theatre Company on June 30.

#### D.C. Art Science Evening Rendezvous

The D.C. Art Science Evening Rendezvous (DASER) is a monthly discussion forum on art science projects in the national capital region and beyond. This month, DASER explores the topic of **robots and theater**. The panel includes: **Dennis Jerz**, associate professor of English, New Media Journalism, Seton Hill University, Greensburg, PA; **Adrienne Mackey**, founder and artistic director, Swim Pony Performing Arts, Philadelphia, PA; **David Saltz**, director, Department of Theatre and Film Studies, and executive director, Ideas for Creative Exploration, University of Georgia, Athens; and **Peter Torpey**, postdoctoral associate, Opera of the Future, MIT Media Lab, Cambridge, MA. **JD Talasek**, director, CPNAS, will moderate the discussion.

The event is on Thursday, June 19 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. EST (doors open at 5:30 p.m.) in Room 100 of the Keck Center, 500 Fifth St., N.W., Washington, D.C. Reservations and photo IDs are required. To make a reservation, visit <https://june19daser.eventbrite.com>. For those unable to attend, DASER will be viewable via live webcast beginning at 5:30p.m. EST. To access the live webcast, visit <http://www.cpnas.org/events/webcast-information-instructions.html>.

#### R.U.R. (Rossum’s Universal Robots)

CPNAS and the Shakespeare Theatre Company announce a staged theatrical reading of R.U.R. (Rossum’s Universal Robots), a 1920 science fiction play by Czech writer Karel Capek that introduced the word “robot” into the English language. The performance is directed by **Samantha K. Wyer**, Director of Education, Shakespeare Theatre Company.

The reading is on Monday, June 30, 2014, 7:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. (includes a 15 minute intermission) at the NAS, 2101 Constitution Ave., N.W., Washington, D.C. Reservations and photo IDs are required. To make a reservation, visit <http://www.cpnas.org/events/rur.html>.

**Cultural Programs of the National Academy of Sciences** sponsors exhibitions, film screenings, the monthly salon called D.C. Art Science Evening Rendezvous (DASER), and other events that explore relationships among the arts and sciences. For more information, visit [www.cpnas.org](http://www.cpnas.org).

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