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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 5:30 p.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.

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