

Tuesday
October 18, 2005

Events Building Theater
11:00 AM - 12:20 PM

Wright College Great Books Curriculum
and Cultural Events Committee presents:

Commedia dell'Arte and Then Some

with actor Allen Gilmore

Imagine

Saturday Night Live, The Three Stooges, National Lampoon's *Animal House*, Barnum and Bailey, Monty Python, Mel Brooks and vaudeville rolled into one and you will have some small idea of the hysterical *commedia dell'arte*, a bawdy form of outrageous improvisation comedy invented in northern Italy in 1550 that broke so many taboos that France and Spain tried to censor and muzzle it. Today its influence can be seen in modern comedy as well as Shakespeare and Moliere.



Allen Gilmore in the Court Theater
commedia dell'arte production of
Moliere's *Scapin*

Allen Gilmore is one of the nation's finest actors and gave magnificent side-splitting performances in the Moliere *commedia dell'arte* production of *Scapin* mounted by the Court Theater on Chicago's South Side not long ago.

Please join him on October 18th in the Events Building Theater at 11:00 AM where he will present a unique, eye opening clip featuring his past role in *Scapin*, discuss *commedia dell'arte*, take questions from the audience and talk about the possibilities for Wright students exploring the world of classical theater for pleasure and as a profession.

Admission is free.

Afterward Allen Gilmore will conduct an acting workshop for Performing Arts Students and this will be followed by a reception.

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