



Polish Writers in the World: Mrozek and Herbert *in memoriam*.

Chopin Theatre and The Hejna Family Chair in Polish Language and Literature, University of Illinois Chicago

Friday, December 5, 2014

6.30-7.30: Opening Night with Reception

7.30: **Mrozek's Faces: Introductory Lecture** by Professor Michał Paweł Markowski, Hejna Chair in Polish Language and Literature, at University of Illinois at Chicago.

8.15: *Vatzlav* by Mrozek: *Introductory Remarks* by G. Damico, Trap Door Theatre

8.30: **Vatzlav**: a Chicago premiere by Trap Door Theatre

- 2014 Jefferson Award Recommendation

- "playful, fast-paced, and sardonic production." - ***, K. Reid, "Ch. Tribune"

"a stylish production by director B. Pilch for this most valuable Chicago troupe." *** (3) Stars! D. Zak, "Ch Stage."

"Presented full throttle by director Beata Pilch..." - T. Adler, "Chicago Reader."

9.45: After party with guests & students from invited

Saturday December 6, 2014

Tribute to Z. Herbert

12.00-1.00: Lunch

1.00-1.45: *Pebble and History: Introduction to Zbigniew Herbert* by Professor M. Markowski, The Hejna Family Chair in Polish Language and Literature, University of Illinois at Chicago.

1.45-2.30: *Herbert, Miłosz and Others: Biographical Remarks* by A. Franaszek (Kraków), literary critic, editor, and award-winning author of the definitive biography of C. Miłosz; now working on biography of Z. Herbert.

2.45-3.15 *New Herbert Translations/New Anthology of Polish Poetry*, readings by J. Trzeciak (Kent State), acclaimed and award-winning translator of Polish poetry, Szymborska, Różewicz and others.

3.15-4.00: *Who was Zbigniew Herbert? A Roundtable* with M. Markowski, J. Trzeciak, A. Franaszek,

4.00: Dinner

Tribute to S. Mrozek

5.00-6.00 *Why Mrozek Today?* A discussion with directors C. Gabara (Romania) – Univ. of Toledo ; A. Gelman (Russia) – Northern Illinois Univ.; C. Burgason (US) – Wittenberg Univ., G. Milev (Serbia)

6.30-7.15 S. Mrozek, *Strip Tease*, by Toledo University

7.30-8.15 S. Mrozek, *Out at Sea*, by Wittenberg University

Sunday December 7, 2014

4.00 S. Mrozek, *Out at Sea* and *Strip Tease*: the afternoon performances open to general public

All events are free but reservations for performances are suggested at
<http://herbertmrozektribute.eventbrite.com>

