Russian 402 presents

A comedic re-enactment of the classic Soviet film

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Slavic Department Conference Room
Sophie Barterian is a senior majoring in Interdisciplinary Physics with Complex Systems. She will graduate in May, and in June will be moving to Seoul to study Korean and physics! Her plans were very different a year ago, and taking Russian made sense, but now she continues to study Russian anyway because it’s pretty fun.

Jamal Khan is a first year Master of Arts student in the Center for Russian, East European, and Eurasian studies, with a focus on the Central Asian states. Since Jamal has two small sons, his hobbies are decided for him by the whims of his petty tyran….err sweet children.

Suzanna Duba is a junior in International Studies and the School of Information. She is pretty terrible at learning languages but is still in Russian anyway. She likes Cherry Republic salsa, select podcasts, and squandering all her savings on traveling, including to Ukraine last summer!

Justin Ritenburgh is majoring in Data Science in the LSA Department of Statistics. He took Russian to fulfill the College’s language requirement, but decided to take two additional years of it for fun. He enjoys tinkering with computers, playing video games, podcasts, cooking, and making Faustian bargains with any and all deities that will make his code compile.

Ted Root is a junior studying International Studies and Russian. He spends his free time playing hockey, soccer, and fetch with his dogs. After spending last summer in Russia, he came back fully equipped to fulfill his dreams of starring in a Russian 402 play.

Anna Petrovskaya is actually the Grand Duchess of Russia and the youngest daughter of Tsar Nicholas II. After Nicholas’ death, she moved to the US to avoid execution. She double majors in Microbiology and Russian Studies, and aspires to go to medical school. Although often impersonated, she is the real thing, and has been the subject of cinema, made-for-television films, and even a Broadway musical.

Nathan Ojo (born 1934) is a Soviet pilot and cosmonaut. He is best known for becoming the first human being to travel into space aboard spaceship Vostok I in 1961. Ojo died in 1968 in a training accident, but is making his triumphant return to star in Russian 402’s production of Гараж.

Will Carter is majoring in History and minoring in Russian Language. Will went to Russia with Ted, and there he discovered his passion for acting. Besides acting, Will enjoys baseball, piña coladas, getting caught in the rain, and any literature with any relation to Russia. Next year he will be working in Prague, but for now he will settle for a Tony Award due to his acting in this play.

Justin Heddleson is a first year Master of Arts student in the Center for Russian, East European, and Eurasian studies, with a focus on the Central Asian states. His work has led him to many unique and interesting experiences, but he never imagined that it would lead him to a role in the prestigious University of Michigan re-enactment of “Garage”!

Nina Shkolnik is a staple of the Russian language program here at University of Michigan. She strongly encourages the use of также over тоже. Having staged Гараж many times, she has hope that this might be the greatest rendition yet!