Urinetown is a satirical comedy musical with music by Mark Hollmann, lyrics by Hollmann and Greg Kotis, and book by Kotis. It satirizes the legal system, capitalism, social irresponsibility, populism, bureaucracy, corporate mismanagement, and municipal politics. The show also parodies musicals such as The Threepenny Opera, The Cradle Will Rock, and Les Misérables, and the Broadway musical itself as a form.

Urinetown debuted in the spring of 2001 at the New York International Fringe Festival, had a short run Off-Broadway, and then played on Broadway at Henry Miller’s Theatre, from September 2001 through January 2004, totaling 25 previews and 965 performances. Nominated for 10 Tony Awards, it won three: Best Book of a Musical, Best Score of a Musical, Best Direction of a Musical.

Greg Kotis had the idea for Urinetown while traveling in Europe as student on a budget. He encountered a pay toilet, and began writing shortly thereafter, joined by Mark Hollmann for the journey to Broadway. Scheduled to open on September 13, 2001, the show contained several references which, after the September 11 attacks, would prove offensive. Ultimately, only one line was removed from the script, and the show opened September 20, 2001.

We will be attending the play’s final performance at UW-Parkside: the Sunday, March 17th matinee. No tickets will be mailed out, someone from ALL will be in the lobby with a list of those who have registered, please check in with them. The musical will be staged on the Main Stage Theater of the Rita/Comm Arts building. There should be no parking problems on Sunday, but theater seats are unreserved, so plan accordingly.

Information on the class about the theater performance will be announced separately.
If you have questions, please call Frances Kavenik, 654-7570

Deliver cash registrations to the ALL office in Tallent Hall. Make checks payable to UW Parkside/ALL; deliver or mail to Vanessa. Credit card registration for members must be submitted online; an email with a member registration LINK will be sent around the 1st Monday each month. NO online credit card registrations can be accepted for guests. As registrations fill, members get preference signing up.

Note: there is now $5 cancellation fee if you are unable to attend or want to request a refund.