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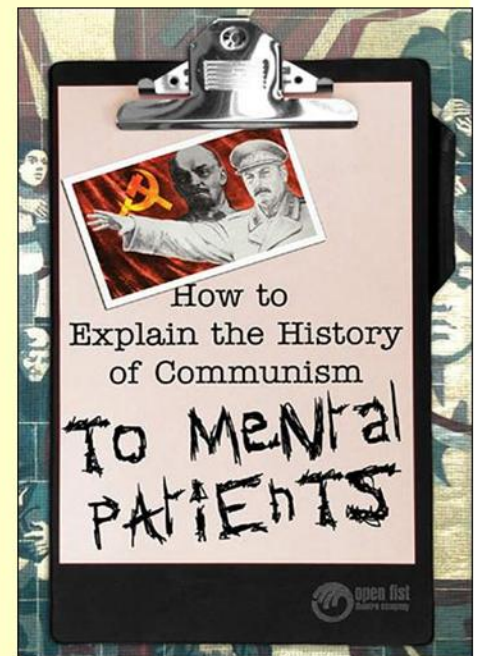
present

**Patricia Boar (Filippo), Andrei Zagorodnii  
(Nicollo), and Radu Vaduva (Peppino)**

in

**OLD CLOWN FOR HIRE**

**A PLAY BY MATEI VISNIEC IN THE  
STAGE ADAPTATION OF MONA CHIRILA**



Playwright, poet, and journalist, **MATEI VISNIEC** was born in Romania and now lives in Paris , France , where he works as a journalist at Radio France Internationale. In Romania he studied history and philosophy before starting writing for the theatre in 1977. During the following ten years he wrote some 20 plays, but all of them were banned by Romanian censorship. In 1987, when he was invited to France by a literary foundation, he asked for political asylum. Since then he has been writing mostly in French and has received French nationality. After the fall of communism in Romania , in 1989, Matei Visniec became one of the most performed playwrights in the country, with more than 30 plays staged in Bucharest and other cities. In 1996 the National Theatre of Timisoara organized a Matei Visniec Festival with 12 companies presenting his plays. His international audience as a playwright started in 1992, with the play *Horses at the Windows* performed in France , and with *Old Clown Wanted presented* at the "Bonner Biennale." Since then, Matei Visniec has had more than 20 plays performed in France (Théâtre Guichet Montparnasse, Studio des Champs-Élysées, Théâtre du Rond-Point de Champs Élysées - Paris, Théâtre de l'Utopie - La Rochelle, Compagnie Pli Urgent - Lyon, Théâtre Le Jodel - Avignon, Théâtre de Lenche and Théâtre de la Minoterie - Marseille, Compagnie Nice-Théâtre Vivant - Nice, etc.). *Old Clown Wanted* has been performed in France , Germany , United States , Denmark , Austria , Poland , Finland , Italy , Turkey , Brazil , Romania , and Moldavia .

**Performances are free of charge to all ASU faculty , students and their guests.**

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**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 15**

**NEEB HALL @ 7:00PM**