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30th Annual One Act Festival for Wisconsin Playwrights

This year marks the 30th Anniversary of The Village Playhouse's Original One Act Festival for Wisconsin Playwrights.

Each year the VPW solicits scripts from all over Wisconsin for previously un-produced one acts plays. This is the longest running festival of its kind in the state. Through the festival, new playwrights are discovered and given the opportunity to see their vision go from page to stage. Many of these writers go on to have their plays published and produced in other venues, including Chicago and New York. In addition, new directors are given the chance to learn and expand their skills. Directing a one act gives them the experience that many might not have had otherwise.

The VPW is very proud that so many of these directors have been able to go on to direct in semi-professional and professional theaters throughout Wisconsin and the country.

This year's Festival will include many new names in both writing and directing and we are excited to also see so many returning writers and directors as well.

This annual festival is one of the most popular shows each season. Be sure to get your tickets early as so many shows in the past have sold out in days.

The festival runs **June 5th, 6th, 12th, 13th, 19th and 20th at 7:30** with a **Sunday matinee at 2:00 on June 21st**. Tickets are available for purchase online at VPWOneActFestival.brownpapertickets.com.

Tickets can also be reserved by calling **(414) 207-4VPW**

or emailing

oneactfestival@villageplayhouse.org

A Midsummer Night's Dream

Auditions

If you like Shakespeare and comedy, auditions for the August production of A Midsummer Night's Dream are June 22 and 23, 7:00 PM at Inspiration Studios. A large cast of men, women, and children of various ages is needed. No prepared material is required. Auditions will consist of reading from the script and movement exercises.

For information contact:
Judy Lee Tarbox
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Dame Gothol and Rapinzel

Rapunzel

Village Playhouse presents "Rapunzel" at Summer Fest Children's stage on Sun. June 28 at noon and 1:45 PM.

This is the final stop for the children's touring show and your last chance to see it. The performances are included with admission to Summer Fest.

This familiar story from Grimm's fairy tales shows how having caring people in your life can be a cure for loneliness. Playing Rapunzel and Emma is Caitlin Weiss, Dame Gothol is Gracie Limbach, Prince Fredrick and Franz is Matthew Suson, and Magic Stone is Jacob Gresk. The play is adapted and directed by Judy Lee Tarbox. Stage manager is Victoria Diaz, the set was built by Paul Weir, and sound by Casey Paszkiewicz. Costumes by Barbara Lynch, Rosie Peterson and Michelle Miller. Thank you to all who helped with the production and to those who saw the show earlier this season.

The 2016 Traveling Children's Show will be announced next month.

Summer Drama Classes



Children's Drama Class & Workshop.

The Village Playhouse will be conducting drama classes this summer for children ages 6-12.

There will be 2 sessions of Beginning Drama for students with no prior acting classes or stage experience. Students age 6-9 can sign up for either session as the classes will be identical. Each session runs 2 weeks.

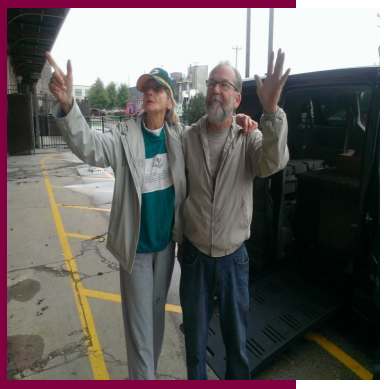
The Drama Workshop is designed for students age 9-12 with some prior drama classes or stage experience. This class runs for 4 weeks and includes a showcase performance.

For more details and a registration form, go to www.villageplayhouse.org

Registration forms are also available at Inspiration Studios.

Contact Judy Lee Tarbox at **(414) 207-4VPW**

Spotlight on Volunteers



Judy Lee Tarbox and Art Carter

The VPW wants to recognize the volunteers who work tirelessly behind the scenes to make our productions successful.

Volunteers are the lifeblood of any community theater but especially for Village Playhouse with no paid staff.

Each production will do a Shout Out to those volunteers who went above and beyond the usual production and crew jobs. These are the people who don't get the spotlight or the applause.

Judy Lee Tarbox, as Producer of Rapunzel would like to give a big Shout Out to Victoria Diaz for doing so much to make the production a success. Art Carter, Producer of All in the Timing is giving his Shout Out to Connie Rockey.

Hope to include more photos in the future of the volunteers.

West Allis A La Carte June 7



WEST ALLIS A LA CARTE

The 8th Annual West Allis A la Carte is being held on **June 7th, 12:00 – 6:00 PM** in downtown West Allis. The Village Playhouse will participate once again.

Last year the Village Playhouse's booth had a Dr Who theme, complete with the TARDIS and people dressed as The Doctor and various companions. Everyone who participated raved about how much fun it was.

Dr. Who and TARDIS

This year the VPW has come up with new ideas on how to engage the festival goers and entice them to become volunteers and members of the theater.

Please contact Judy Lee Tarbox at **(414) 207-4VPW** if you would like to be part of the fun.



Annual Meeting and Encore Awards

Then Annual Meeting is a change to socialize with friends, enjoy good food and drink, and celebrate the past year of Village Playhouse. This is always one of the highlight's of the year.

This year there is a lot to celebrate as the VPW completes it's first full season at Inspiration Studios.

The move to Inspiration Studios has given the VPW a place to old auditions, rehearsals, build sets, sew costumes, create props, and present shows all in the same location.

This is a huge change from past seasons; where auditions, rehearsals, set building and performances were all in different places.

In addition to celebrating the new space, the Encore Awards for the One Act Festival are also announced at the meeting.

Date and details to be announced soon.



Moon Over Buffalo

Moon Over Buffalo will be completing its run this weekend. Only 3 more chances to see this hilarious show directed by Michael Pocaro and produced by Rosie Peterson.

Performances are **Friday, May 1, Saturday, May 2, both at 7:30 PM**. There is a final matinee on **Sunday, May 3, at 2:00PM**.

Cast includes: Bob Zimmerman, Donna Daniels, Angela Bolmes, Lucy Hilgendorf, Jim Donaldson, Rolando Kahn, Melissa Pol, and Bill Hitt.

Tickets are still available but going fast. They can be purchaced online at VPWMoonOverBuffalo.brownpapertickets.com or reserved by emailing MoonOverBuffalo@villageplayhouse.org or calling **(414) 207- 4VPW**.



Backstage fun at Moon Over Buffalo



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The purpose of the Village Playhouse is to:

(a) Promote the advancement of the theatre arts within the community;

(b) Stimulate and satisfy the community's cultural interests;

(c) Advance the instruction and training of individuals seeking to improve and develop their capabilities within the theatre;

(d) Provide a forum for creativity and self expression of members.

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Get Involved ...

There is more to the VPW than what you see on the stage. Here's some ways to be involved with what happens when the curtain goes down:

Join a committee:

Membership/PR - This committee is in charge of getting our name out there by publicizing shows, auditions, and anything else the group is involved in. It also takes charge of getting new members and keeping members involved.

Play reading - This committee reads plays, plays and more plays, then reports back to the Board on which ones they liked and recommend for the next season.

One Act Festival Play reading - This committee reads all the One Act submissions and helps to pick which ones are in the show.

Please email: membership@villageplayhouse.org for more details about joining a committee.

Come to a board meeting:

See how the day to day business of the board is decided. Check website calendar for date and time of the next board meeting.

Please email: membership@villageplayhouse.org for details.

Help behind the scenes with an upcoming show:

Send an email to: volunteers@villageplayhouse.org for details on what is needed right now.

Thank you for being a member of the VPW. Hope to see you soon …
….on stage, behind the scenes or in the audience!