
Upcoming at The Actors Theater:

Familiar Distance

We will end our year with three locally-written one-act plays collectively entitled Familiar Distance..: *Li-lacs* by Michele Griskey, *Safe & Warm* by Lin McNulty and *I Used To Live Here* by James Wolf. These plays are based on the common theme: What happens when someone from the past returns? Three very different plays with three very different situations. Looking at the early drafts of these plays, I'm excited about them: a comedy, a drama and a thriller. The plays will open on November 14.

PlayFest 2015

2015 will mark the tenth anniversary of our ever popular Ten-Minute Playfest. Over the last nine years we have presented over sixty short plays written by local playwrights, acted by local actors and directed by local directors.

To honor the tenth anniversary, we are urging playwrights to incorporate the number "10" in their plays in some manner. This is not a requirement but we hope our local playwrights will help us celebrate this special anniversary. More later on the playfest but we want to get the message out to potential playwrights before they get too deep into writing their play.

Good News/Bad News

You may have noticed that we have replaced the old, ugly spotlights in our ceiling with new, attractive, energy efficient LED fixtures. The good news is that they provide far more light at one sixth the cost of our previous lighting. The bad news is that although they are "dimmable" LED fixtures they don't dim well so you will see a quick drop off in the light output as they dim. Maybe the dimming technology will catch up some day but for now we are going for energy efficiency.

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THE
ACTORS THEATER
OF ORCAS ISLAND
Presents

Love Song

by John Kolvenbach

The World Premier of "LOVE SONG" was presented in March 2006 by Steppenwolf Theatre Company, Chicago, Illinois; Martha Lavey, Artistic Director, and David Hawkanson, Executive Director.

LOVE SONG received its European premier in the West End of London at the New Ambassadors Theatre on November 25, 2006, produced by Sonia Friedman Productions, Robert G. Bartner and Boyett Ostar Productions.

"LOVE SONG is presented by special arrangement with Dramatists Play Service, Inc., New York."

At The Orcas Island Grange

September 12, 13, 19, 20, 26, 27, 28.

7:30 pm

Love Song

Note: This play runs 90 minutes without intermission.

Cast:

(In order of appearance)

Beane: Zach Knight

Joan: Melinda Milligan

Harry: Tom Fiscus

Molly: Cara Russell

Waiter: Frank Michels

Crew:

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| Director | Doug Bechtel |
| Stage Manager | Kate Hansen |
| Rehearsal Assistant | Annette Garver |
| Rehearsal Support | Lin Brodsky |
| Light and Sound Board Operator | Cele Westlake |
| Casting Coordinator | Melinda Milligan |
| Set, Lighting and Sound Design | Doug Bechtel |
| Set Construction and Painting | Doug Bechtel, Tom Fiscus, Roland Hachee |
| Set Decoration | Patty Monaco |
| Hair Makeup | Carol Whitbeck |

Special Thanks to:

Rainbow Services, Darvills BookStore, Lin McNulty, Vince Monaco, Island Market, Paula Russell and Brian Richard.

Director's Notes

Some plays are a struggle to get on stage from the first rehearsal to closing night. Not so with "Love Song." From the moment I read the script, I fell in love with it. The cast is just perfect: All hard workers who spent a lot of hours outside of rehearsal working on their lines and studying their characters. Every rehearsal has been a delight – making me laugh out loud every night and pulling at my heart strings at the same time.

This is the kind of play I love: A healthy dose of humor held together by an important dramatic theme. Watch Joan's relationship with her husband, Harry as it evolves during the play. Watch Beane as his relationship with Molly builds and deepens. Watch the unconditional love of Joan for her brother Beane.

It is these themes that make this play so powerful and worth sharing with our audiences. Of course the humor doesn't hurt either.

OUR PARKING LOT

Notice our parking lot? If you were one of those who had to battle the mud and water on our parking lot last winter, you will be pleased with the repairs.

We need to thank those who donated time, equipment and materials to make this happen. At the top of the list is Larry Coddington (last seen on stage in "Hammerfest Date Night" in this years PlayFest). Larry is the guy who made it all happen. Without him, that part of our parking lot would still be a swamp. He arranged for donations of the materials we needed, he provided his equipment and his time to level the area, and made a real parking lot out of it.

We also need to thank Orcas Excavators and Sea Island Sand and Gravel who donated the fill and gravel for this project. If you see any of these people thank them for our new parking lot!!!!

HAPPY 15th BIRTHDAY ACTORS THEATER!!

The month of September marks the 15th anniversary of the incorporation of The Actors Theater of Orcas Island. Although we actually started presenting plays to you two years before, this month is our "official" birthday.

Fifteen years of presenting the best theatrical experiences we can put together. Fifteen years of encouraging, supporting and training playwrights, actors, directors, techies and all those interested in every facet of the theater. Fifteen years of serving our fantastic, loyal, and supportive audiences.

We look forward to the next fifteen years.
We've come a long way, baby!!