

**ENCORE**  
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**A LETTER TO THE  
VILLAGE PLAYHOUSE OF WAUWATOSA  
MEMBERSHIP FAMILY AND FRIENDS**

On July 23rd the Village Playhouse of Wauwatosa received a notice from Diane Oleson of the Milwaukee County Department of Administration, Division of Economic Development, stating that the Plank Road School will be closed by the end of August 1998 and the Village Playhouse needs vacate the building by September 28, 1998.

The VPW Board of Directors is taking the following steps as a result of this notice:

- 1- OUR FALL PRODUCTION IS POSTPONED while we search for new a home. A production schedule will be evaluated on a monthly basis at board meetings:
- 2- New locations for our productions are being investigated. These include the Wauwatosa Womens Club, the library community center, Tosa West high school, two Tosa middle schools, the Irish community center and several church auditoriums. Reports are due at the next board meeting September 13th:
- 3- The VPW will petition the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors for our continued use of the Plank Road School:
- 4- Storage space for costumes, props, set pieces etc. is being sought while the re-location process continues.

Now is the time for the VPW membership and friends to make your selves known. Here is what we are asking of you:

- 1- WRITE YOUR MILWAUKEE COUNTY BOARD SUPERVISOR AND COUNTY EXECUTIVE TOM AMENT to support our petition to keep the Plank Road School available to us:
- 2- Write EARL HAWKINS JR, Director Department of Administration and DAVID ZEPECKI, Director Economic Development supporting a change in their decision to close the Plank Road School.

It has not been made clear to us why the school is closing or what will happen to the building when it is closed. If it's just going to stand there empty, why not let us use it! We do pay rent. You can write your County Supervisor and Messers. Hawkins and Zepecki at the Milwaukee County Courthouse 901 N. 9th St. Milwaukee, 53233. To our members and friends who live outside the county, we still ask you to write.

- 3- If you have any suggestions for performance or storage space please call our hotline immediately.

Now is a critical time for the VPW and we all need to take a stand and insure its survival, continued growth, and commitment to quality community theatre.

Thank You,  
The Village Playhouse of Wauwatosa  
Board of Directors

**LOST OUR LEASE!  
WE'D RATHER SELL IT THAN MOVE IT!  
RUMMAGE SALE!**

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 19th- 9AM to 3PM  
CASH AND CARRY!

Yes, you read it right. We're holding a rummage sale in case we have to move, and if we don't, to put to use the items we no longer use.

**COSTUMES- PROPS- FURNITURE- SET PIECES- DECORATIONS**

On Saturday September 12 at 10AM we're going to gather at the theatre to put aside the items that will not be for sale. We need your help so call the hotline and leave a message of what time you can volunteer. As a perk for participating in the preperation you will be able to purchase your items on the 13th.

That special meaningful prop or snazzy costume could be yours! We're going with an all-out ad blitz for the 19th so you best chance is to spend an hour or two on the 13th and get your treasures early.

## NEW BOARD OF DIRECTORS

At the General Membership meeting on July 25th we elected a new Board of Directors for 1998-99. Here they are:

President- BRIAN DETTMERING, President-Elect- TODD BOLDEN,  
Vice- President- JOHN JANEZIC, Treasurer- LLOYD DREGER,  
Secretary- MARGIE KACZMAREK, Technical Director- BOB KAFKA,  
Membership- TOM ZUEHLKE, Members-at-Large- JOVON SERRANNO,  
MICHELE TEGEN, CHERYL BRUNS, TAMARA STAJMIGER.

We thank the many new-comers and our dependable veterans!

## ENCORE AWARDS

Here are those awarded a 1997-98 ENCORE AWARD.

JOSEPH AND THE AMAZING TECHNICOLOR DREAMCOAT

Best Production- BRIAN DETTMERING, Best Director- GENE GUENTHER,  
Supporting Actor- KURT POTH,  
Featured Performers- MARGIE KACZMERAK, DONNIE SCHLICHT, RYAN BERARD,  
JEFF DAVIS, MARK DRZEWIECKI, CHERYL BRUNS, ERICO ORTIZ, TODD BOLDEN,  
MATT STEVENS, GLADYS CHMIEL, KATIE DAVIS, JOHNNY ROXX.

THE NERD

Best Lead Actor and Actress- DOUG BALCER and ERIKA HEINS,  
Supporting Actor and Actreess- JOHN JANEZIC, KARLA SHERMAN.

ONE-ACT AWARDS

Best Script- "B" by GARY JONES, Best Director- VICTOR WHITE "B",  
Lead Actress- MAUREEN KANIA "B", Lead Actor- JOHN JANEZIC "WHEN  
SOMEONE KNOCKS", Supporting Actress- JUDE KINNEAR "WHEN SOMEONE  
KNOCKS", Supporting Actor- KURT POTH "ON-LINE".

Bryll Hoelke Award- MARY JO GEE!

Congratulations to everyone, and a huge VPW ENCORE to everyone who made last season such an artistic and financial success!

## BEST PLAYS LIST

The AFI list of the 100 Best American Movies- the 100 Best Foreign Films List, the 100 greatest novels of the 20th century. Well, since we don't have a production pending, I thought it might be fun to compose a list of BEST PLAYS. Submit your list of 15 best plays of all-time and I'll compile a list for an up-coming issue of ENCORE.

Everything's open- Drama, Musical, Comedy, Farce, One-acts from Shakespeare to Shaw to Simon. These may be plays you've been in, or only seen or simply read. Just send in your list of favorites.

Send to BEST PLAYS care-of our Post Office Box by September 26th. I'd like to get at least 100 responses, so tell you theatre friends about it and have them send a list too. If I get enough of you playing along, I'll even send the final list to the Journal.

REMEMBER TO WRITE YOUR MILWAUKEE COUNTY SUPERVISOR

## STAGE DUST

By AFRA BEAN the Gossip Queen

Tom and Donna have returned. Jane returned too, but because Tom told her the wrong day she wasn't there.

Never let Kelly cat sit, but if you do, don't expect good news when you return. At least she's experienced in delivering such messages.

Jovon became a mom on June 30th and didn't beat-up Jeff.

Tom went to the Rod Stewart concert with his old-flame Debbie. He will now only date women he can trust are psychologically sane. Jennifer and Victor were seen together in public at the ENCORE Party for the first time since the one-act festival.

Speaking of the ENCORE party, did you witness the brutal assault of the Z-MAN and COLONEL KLEINSCHMIDT by JOHNNY ROXX and VON RYANS EXPRESS? Roxx submitted to a figure-four and Von Ryan was put in a piledriver, yet it wasn't over! Roxx attacked the Colonel with a lighting instrument from the DJ's equipment and smashed the bulb. Glass and blood flowed. The Colonel retaliated with a firemans carry and bodyslam into the wall. Finally THE HEARTBREAKER stepped in to restore order. The Z-Man was almost double-teamed by Roxx and the Express at TONY and BECKY's wedding a week later, but wen the Z-Man called for KILLER KLARK to be his partner the cowardly duo of Roxx and the Express hid behind the MAGIC MUSIC sign.

Now that Todd is officially the VPW crown Prince, King Brian is demanding he get a real job and denounce his life of dedicated debauchery. This is to protect the institution of King. EVVIE will continue the Todd tradition.