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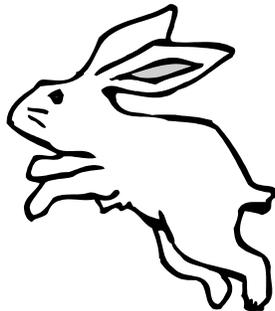
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The King's Rabbits

A king offers a great reward to anyone who can care for his rascally rabbits without losing a single one. Three young sisters, along with their faithful donkey, try in turn to become the royal rabbit sitter. They find more than they bargained for when the mischievous rabbits can't be herded like sheep.

This delightful children's comedy is adapted from a Norwegian folktale by VPW member Donna Kay Kohls, and directed by James Lentz, Jr. A large cast of children, teens and adults performed for the Children's Theatre of Wauwatosa in December and received an overwhelming positive response from the audience of children and adults. One person was heard to say, I laughed, I cried, I laughed again. Fans of Monty Python will enjoy the satire and Disney fans will find all the usual fairytale characters with a twist.

This is VPW's 4th



year of doing a touring children's show and the first time we will travel out of Wauwatosa. We are very excited about this year's show and hope to sell out all the remaining shows.

The next performances are:
January 11, 2004, 2 PM,
Nathan Hale High School,
11601 W. Lincoln Avenue, West Allis

January 17, 2004 2 PM
Betty Brinn Children's Museum,
929 East Wisconsin Avenue, Milwaukee

January 18, 2004 2:30 PM
Waukesha North High School
2222 Michigan Avenue, Waukesha

Tickets are available at the door. The box office will open one half hour before each show. For more information call Barbara Lynch 414-425-2076.

Deadline for One Act Play Festival

DEADLINES!?

Don't you just loathe deadlines? And even worse are the reminders folks send informing you that a deadline is nearing!! The ever building pressure is incredible. So, since I don't want to burden you with deadline information, I'm going to tell you one more time about your opportunity to submit a script for the **19th ANNUAL WISCONSIN PLAYWRIGHTS ORIGINAL ONE ACT PLAY FESTIVAL**. Scripts must be postmarked by January 31st.

Playwrights, actually writers in general, relish in the joys of procrastination. The bulk of our scripts arrive at the post office box the final

week. (A special thanks to the six authors who have already submitted scripts allowing us to get a head start reading.) Rather than gridlocking the Wauwatosa postal system at the end of this month with an influx of letter-size manila envelopes, you want to think about getting your script in the mail today. (Okay, finish writing tomorrow and mail the day after).

Remember, **January 31st is the deadline!**

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AUDITIONS!!

COMIC POTENTIAL
by Alan Ayckbourn

January 12-13, 2004
7:00 PM
DIVINE WORD LUTHERAN
CHURCH
55th & Lloyd

Casting roles for:
5-7 Men
5-7 Women

Performance Dates
March 11-12, 2004
March 19-20, 2004

Director :
Robert (Jerry) Staggenborg

New Dates for One Act Festival

We've changed our original dates for the 19th Annual Wisconsin Playwrights Original One Act Play Festival.

Wauwatosa West High School was originally not going to produce a musical this year. It was decided recently, that they would be able to launch a Spring musical production. Tom Klubertanz, theatre director at West, asked if VPW would consider giving up our previously scheduled time slot. We were able to accommodate his request.

Our new dates for the annual One Acts are **June 4-5 and June 11-12, 2004**. This is a month later than originally scheduled.



Opportunities

AUDITIONS

19th Annual Wisconsin Playwrights One Act Festival -
April 19 & 20, 2004 –Auditions
Performance Dates: June 4, 5, 11,12 ,2004

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Happy New Year!

This is a good time to look back at how far we have come and to look forward to where we are going.

Well, the 2003 – 2004 season is off to a fantastic start. We had a highly successful production of One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest. We were thrilled to be back performing at Wauwatosa West after too many years of being homeless. The touring children's show is underway with 3 more shows in January. James Lentz, Jr. is directing the show as well as acting technical director for this season. We have entered an agreement to work together with Brookfield Players and in return we have access to a workshop for set building. Also we developed and printed our first ever season brochure. Other publicity and marketing projects have included radio advertising and an audience survey. We were delighted to sell many season ads for our programs. Thanks to everyone who worked on these projects.

Technical Help – We continue to have a **BIG** need for help with Set Design & Construction, Lighting operation & Stage Crew. You don't have to be an expert, just willing to help & learn.

Marketing & Promotion – We always need help promoting Village Playhouse of Wauwatosa. Sell an ad! Find a sponsor! Or just bring some friends to the next show!

In December, a spirited group of VPW singers went caroling in the Tosa village as part of Festive Fridays. In the coming year, we plan to become much more active in the Tosa community. Plans are just getting started for the 4th of July parade as well as other events. VPW is still in need of volunteers to help on committees and for backstage help.

If your new year's resolution is to get more involved with VPW, then call, email, or just come to auditions. If you are cleaning out your closets and have some things to donate that may be useful to us, give us a call.

Please join us for the rest of the season and plans for another exciting season next year.

Barbara Lynch
VPW President