



ENCORE

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Comic Potential

Can a man find love with a robot—a woman with a body of iron, the brain of a computer and a hot-wired heart? “Comic Potential” is the story of romantic love in the post-modern age showing the agony and the ecstasy of going beyond the gender stereotypes to what love might be like in the 21st century.

Adam and JCF 31 333, (known as Jacie) star crossed, mismatched lovers of the new millennium, face an uncertain future where everything has changed except human nature. Robots, although still not perfected and prone to malfunction, have taken over many jobs, including acting. That which seems like second nature to an actor is not necessarily that easy for an actoid. Emotions are turned up and down on a dial.

“Comic Potential” is written by Alan Ayckbourn, one of England’s most celebrated playwrights.

Alan Ayckbourn has written over 81 plays, such as “Seasons Greetings” and “Norman Conquests”.



PERFORMANCE DATES

March 12, 13, 19 and 20, 2004

8:00 PM

Wauwatosa West High School

11400 West Center Street

\$12, \$10 seniors and students

For more information call the Hot Line at (414) 297-9667 or visit our website at Villageplayhouse.com.

Village Playhouse of Wauwatosa,
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19th Annual One Act Play Festival Shifts Into Second Gear

Dateline-February 20. Wauwatosa, Wisconsin

The Village Playhouse of Wauwatosa, 19th Annual Wisconsin Playwrights Original One Act Play Festival picked up speed this week. Packets of 26 submitted scripts were delivered to the Play Festival Committee for final reading and selection. 20 playwrights, representing Wisconsin geography from Platteville, LaCrosse and Eau Claire to Milwaukee, Madison and Green Bay sent their new plays for festival consideration. The Committee of 5, Mary Ferwerda, Cheryl Ann, Tom O’Neil, Victor White and Tom Zuehlke will be selecting the plays for production on February 28.

In preparation for next seasons 20th Anniversary and a possible State wide tour, this festival will take to the road and perform in two locations. Our home town of Wauwatosa will see the premiers on **April 30** and **May 1** at **Lincoln Elementary School**. The

following weekend, we’re planning to move to the fashionable Bay View area for shows May 7 & 8.

James Lentz, T.J. Little, and Victor White are lined up direct with a couple top notch One Act vets waiting as needed. The VPW is proud to present the longest running original one act play festival in Wisconsin. You should participate. Come audition- Come see the shows. Check the VPW hotline 414-297-9667 or your email for further updates. WHAT!? You don’t receive VPW email? To be included on our email list, which features up to the minute information, send us an email to: vpwnewsletter@aol.com

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AUDITIONS!!

19th Annual Wisconsin Playwrights Original One Act Play Festival

**March 15 & 16, 2004
7:00 PM
DIVINE WORD LUTHERAN
CHURCH
55th & Lloyd**

**Casting roles for:
Men &
Women**

**Performance Dates
April 30 - May 1, 2004
Lincoln Elementary School**

**May 7 & 8, 2004
The Boulevard Theatre**

Comic Potential Cast & Crew

Director: Gerry Staggenborg

Cast

Nicole Anderson
Marion Araujo
Ruth Arnell
Kid Beat Box
Larry Beckley
Roy Bergsholm
Al Dobyns
Lloyd Dreger
Jose Gonzalez
Sam Halpern
Jennifer Lindsay
Melba Morris-Page
Michael Pikulef
Ben Ratkowski
Rachel Schmidt
Judy Lee Tarbox
Brooke Wegner

Crew

James Lentz
Dominic Lentz
Al Jensen
Mark Steimle
Rosie Peterson
Steve Lentz
Cheyl Ann Lisowski
Nick Firer
Evvie Smith
Tina Davis
Barbara Lynch
Dave Bollé
Peg Bollé

Opportunities

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!

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Greetings friends!

This was the first year that the children's show toured beyond Tosa. The show received an enthusiastic response everywhere we went. Thanks to all who helped make "The King's Rabbits" a success. A special thanks goes to James Lentz, Jr. VPW has been invited to take part in community events as part of the Tosa Village Business Improvement District. The One Act Festival will be part of Art Walk this spring. Other events are in the works. It is rumored that those Rabbits might make an appearance at the Easter Egg Hunt. Also in the works is taking the One Acts to the Boulevard Ensemble Theatre. Thanks, Cheryl Ann! The board has been busy interviewing directors and

reading plays for next season. We hope to announce our choices soon.

VPW is always in need of volunteers to help on committees and for backstage help. This column will acknowledge a volunteer who has done something special for VPW as a Hero. The first VPW Hero is awarded to Dennis Hennessy for his tremendous work in selling season program ads. Dennis, you go!

Everyone, please join us for the Wisconsin premiere of Comic Potential. See you at the show!

**Barbara Lynch
VPW President**