



ENCORE

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19th Annual Wisconsin Playwrights Festival

It's time for the One Acts! VPW's unique contribution to the Wisconsin theatre scene.

This year's selected plays (in no particular order) are:

DENTAL MANIA II

by **Ludmilla Bollow** of Milwaukee

HAT DANCE

By **Jody McIntyre** of Madison

HERE AND THERE

by **Patricia Gaborik** of Milwaukee,

OPERATION BLUE BOOK

by **Christian Williams** of Oak Creek

STOLEN IDENTITY (A Disturbing Tale)

by **W. Patrick Fogarty** of Racine

THE TENTH MUSE

by **Debra Hershkowitz** of Madison.

Jody, Patricia and Debra are all being produced by the VPW for the first time. They are joined by veterans, Christian, Patrick and Ludmilla.

Does it seem like a lot of plays? It is. Here's what we're doing.

We had a large number of quality submissions this season, and frankly, we like to produce good work. Rather than leaving too many deserving scripts (we had to leave a couple) on the cutting floor, we've expanded the festival. 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. We will be doing the festival at two separate venues over two weekends, with two different slates of shows.



April 30 & May 1 - 8:00 pm
At Lincoln Elementary School
(1741 Wauwatosa Ave)

DENTAL MANIA II directed by James Lentz

HERE AND THERE directed by Laura LaPinske

STOLEN IDENTITY directed by T.J. Little

May 7 & May 8 - 8:00 pm
At the Boulevard Ensemble Performance Space in Bay View
(2252 S. Kinnickinnic Ave.)

HAT DANCE directed by Tom Zuehlke

OPERATION BLUE BOOK directed by James Lentz

THE TENTH MUSE directed by Barbara Lynch

Please join us for one or both sets of shows!!

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**2004 VPW
ENCORE AWARDS
BANQUET!!**

Mark your calendars

**July 24 , 2004
6:00 PM
Serafino Square
Clubhouse**

9993 West North Ave.

**Mates, Dates and Significant
others welcome.**

Beer, soda & wine provided.

**Bring a dish to pass or a
dessert to share**

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Greetings friends!

This will be one of my last columns as VPW president. We have just one more production in our season and we are looking for board members for next year.

Alright, drum roll, please. The VPW board has chosen Tom Zuelke to direct a fall production of Our Town. However, a 2005 spring production is still to be decided. Again, we will be meeting with Brookfield Players to discuss a joint production.

As I write this, a dozen VPW members are getting ready to take part in the Tosa Village Easter Egg Hunt. We will be dressed as characters from children's stories and rhymes. Also, we are working on creative ideas for the July 4 Parade.

As I keep saying, VPW is always in need of volunteers for backstage help and committees. Another drum roll, please. The second VPW Hero is awarded to Cliff Falk for going beyond the call of duty as Prop Master. Finding props for a show is never easy and Cliff took the extra step of buying and donating several hard to find props. Also, congratulations to everyone who worked so hard to make Comic Potential a success. If you did not see CP, you missed a truly unique show.

Well, now we are ready for another unique production. The Wisconsin premieres of six one-act plays will be presented in two different theatres. Come and see both shows!

**Barbara Lynch
VPW President**



Renewal Reminder!!

If you haven't already done so, please take a moment to renew your Village Playhouse of Wauwatosa membership. Membership dues are **\$10.00 per individual** or **\$25.00 per family (3 or more persons)**. Membership dues go to support regular VPW operating expenses, things like the Post Office Box, the VPW hotline, and mailing costs. In return for your dues you get to enjoy all the benefits of Membership, audition announcements, this great newsletter, a personal invitation to the annual awards banquet and the satisfaction of knowing that you are involved in the arts.

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