



# ENCORE

The Official Publication of The Village Playhouse of Wauwatosa

Volume 2 Issue 2

February 2005

## 20th Annual Wisconsin Playwrights Festival (The ONE ACTS)

2005 marks the 20th anniversary of VPW's annual Wisconsin Playwrights Original One Act Festival. This long standing event is our unique contribution to Wisconsin theatre. This year we are proud to be celebrating our 20th festival in the Studio Theatre at the **Sharon Lynne Wilson Center for the Arts** in Brookfield. This year's selection of fine works are:

**The Turn of the Shoe** by **Jennifer Najoom** of Muskego  
Directed by Mark Wyss

**A Good Man Is Hard To Find** by **Leifa Butrick** of Wauwatosa  
Directed by Mary Breitrack

**Interview with the Psychic** by **Emory Churness** of Milwaukee  
Directed by James Lentz Jr

**Godot, Part Deux** by **Mark Wyss** of Milwaukee  
Directed by Tom Zuehlke

**March 11, 12, 18, 19, 2005 – 8:00 PM**  
**Tickets: \$15.00 -Adults      \$13.00 – Students, Seniors**  
Box Office :262-781-9520 or purchase tickets online at  
[www.wilson-center.com/tickets.html](http://www.wilson-center.com/tickets.html)

---

---

Get Ready for “**OLIVER**”



The Village Playhouse of Wauwatosa and Brookfield Players will jointly produce this popular musical favorite this Summer. Performance dates are **July 8, 10, 15, 16, 17, 22, 23, 24, 2005** on the **Kuttemperoor Auditorium** stage of the **Sharon Lynne Wilson Center**. We are still in the process of selecting a director. Auditions will be held in May and we are planning for a large all ages cast of men, women and children.

### VILLAGE PLAYHOUSE CONTACTS

- *President – Mark Steimle*  
414-774-0175  
[msteimle@wi.rr.com](mailto:msteimle@wi.rr.com)
- *Vice President – James Lentz Jr.*
- *Secretary – Tom Zuehlke*  
414-744-5212      [vpwnews-letter@aol.com](mailto:vpwnews-letter@aol.com)
- *Treasurer – Lloyd Dreger*  
414-321-0694  
[ldreger@wi.rr.com](mailto:ldreger@wi.rr.com)
- *President Elect – Evvie Smith* 414-476-9361  
[eb3936kd@execpc.com](mailto:eb3936kd@execpc.com)
- **MEMBERS AT LARGE**
- *Larry Beckley*      414-475-0607  
[mpsdriver@aol.com](mailto:mpsdriver@aol.com)
- *Dominic Lentz*
- *Barbara Lynch*  
414-425-2076      [blynch3@wi.rr.com](mailto:blynch3@wi.rr.com)
- *Rosie Peterson*  
[rosiepeterson@hotmail.com](mailto:rosiepeterson@hotmail.com)
- *Judy Lee Tarbox*  
262-662-0765

• **VPW HOTLINE**  
**414-297-9667**

• **MAILING ADDRESS**  
Village Playhouse of Wauwatosa  
P.O. Box 13095  
Wauwatosa, WI 53213

# The Reluctant DRAGON



Cast members of the *The Reluctant Dragon* pictured above (from left) **Dominic Lentz, Sam Mullooly, Sean Cundy, Roger Uscilla**



VPW recently completed it's run of four performances of our annual Children's Show. **The Reluctant Dragon** was performed twice as part of the Wauwatosa Recreation Department's Children's Theatre program. The show was also staged in West Allis and Cedarburg.

## More Cast Photos ▼



**Jackie Benka, Roger Uscilla, Sam Mullooly**

## President's Corner

Our first joint production with Brookfield Players was an extremely positive venture. In the last news-letter I mentioned the unique strengths that each group brings to the table. *Murder on the Nile* couldn't have happened without the hard work & talents of a lot of people

We are happy to be able to perform at the Sharon Lynne Wilson Center and take full advantage of the services they offer. (Box office Ticket sales and on line ordering for example).

With all of this come new challenges. Using a professional space means we need to continue to produce high quality shows. That task alone takes the commitment of a lot of people.

Our next show will be the 20th anniversary of VPW's Wisconsin Playwrights Original One Act Play Festival. A successful run will insure our ability to continue to stage this event at the SLWC. Our next major task will be the staging of "**Oliver**" with Brookfield Players this coming summer. It's been a few years since we have produced a musical and it will take a great deal of hard work to make this show happen.

I know you've heard it or read it before, but VPW really needs the help of it's members to continue to be a successful and profitable community theatre group. Many community theatre groups no longer exist. Please consider giving VPW a few hours of your time and help to make this a great year.

Mark Steimle – VPW President



**Christopher Nicholas, Brian Hartman, Ann Marie Fischer, Sandy Lewis, Barbara Lynch**