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BRAINSTORM An Evening of Improvisational Creation

Calling all playwrights, other writers, actors, dreamers who want to be playwrights and anyone else who would like to see their characters and stories live on stage!

What is *BrainStorm*?

In this informal evening of improvisational theater, skilled actors will take the ideas of audience members and bring them to life on stage.

How do you participate?

Simply complete the *BrainStorm* Concept Form with your ideas for characters, conflicts and messages, and submit to brainstorm@villageplayhouse.org no later than Friday, November 1st.

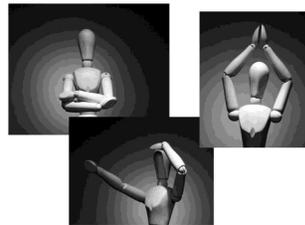
All story ideas will be used by the actors to create improvisational scenes onstage.

BrainStorm is just the beginning ...

If your work with *BrainStorm* helps you to generate a complete one act script, please consider submitting it for our next event, a script workshop held to be held in December.

All playwrights with completed one act scripts are encouraged to submit for this workshop. Selected scripts will be presented in a staged reading format. Feedback will then be given by the actors and audience.

Join us on Sunday, November 10th at 6pm at Divine Word Lutheran Church (5505 W. Lloyd St) to watch your ideas come to life!



Click here for the [Brainstorm Concept Form](#)

You are welcome to bring a laptop, notebook, or photographic memory and use the 90 minute session to

spark ideas for a script. Video recordings of the evening's performances will also be available for a small fee.

Note: Because of the nature of the event, all playwrights should be aware that their ideas will be witnessed by other writers, actors and audience members. All content is available to everyone, to do with as desired. If you have proprietary concepts, characters or other information, this is NOT the venue for them. If you have story elements that you want to play with, are interested in seeing how they unfold, and comfortable with others taking inspiration from your ideas, this IS the right place for you.

BrainStorm is a free event, open to the public. However VPW is a small, vibrant, non-profit theatre company donations will be accepted to support our work.

More details on this event will be coming soon. Keep an eye on your email inbox for more information.

Don't forget about the 29th Annual One Act Festival for Wisconsin Playwrights. This year's script submission deadline will be in February 2014 so that participants in *BrainStorm* and the script workshop have time to revise scripts for submission to the festival.

Note: Participation in *Brainstorm* and/or the Script Workshop does not guarantee acceptance in the One Act Festival, nor is a prerequisite for script submission.

The One Act Festival will be produced in June 2014. Watch your email for more details, or email oneactfestival@villageplayhouse.com with any questions.

Social Media buzz about *Psych*

“Thanks for a lot of laughs and a good time. Truly enjoyed it!”

- Lisa S

“Clever and funny

- a great production!”

- Pat G

Psych was an artistic success

The fall mainstage show, *Psych*, was loved by all who came to see it.

Sherrick Robinson did a great job of bringing the cast together into a cohesive ensemble that every night put on an entertaining show.

Dillon Moran kept everything moving as the lead, Edward, and Magdelyn Monahan was delightful as the omniscient seer who metamorphosed into the girl next door.

Audwin Short used his psychotic powers to play two

characters. He made the suspense work. Melody Lopac ate her way into our hearts as an excellent pregnant wife who fears her husband is seeing another woman and is greatly relieved to find he is only wanted for murder.



The cast of *Psych* with author Lisa Rowe and director Sherrick Robinson.

Jamee Lenzen (Irvette),
Melody Lopac (Suzanne)
Dillon Moran (Edward)
Tom Jozwik (Gangster)
Magdelyn Monahan (Lydia)
Audwin Short (Robert/Sam)
Lisa Rowe (Author)
Sherrick Robinson (Director)

Low audience attendance hurts VPW

Psych is the second VPW mainstage show recently to be hurt by low audience attendance. While everyone who saw *Psych* agreed it was a wonderful show, not enough people saw it to allow the VPW to break even on this production.

Low audience attendance hurts a show. It hurts the morale of the actors, it hurts the view that outsiders have of the production and of the VPW, and it

hurts the VPW financially.

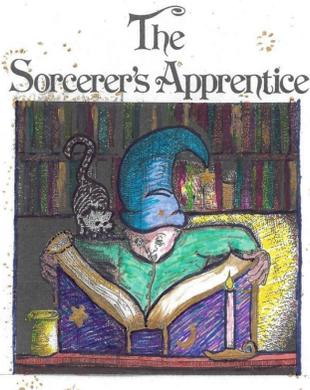
The VPW recently lost use of Christ King, where it has been performing mainstage shows for the past several years. While this parting of ways was an amicable one, it does hurt the VPW financially. Any new venue will raise the budget of each mainstage show by about 30-40%.

Going forward, each show will need to bring in more

revenue in order to break even. The two obvious answers to this are to sell more tickets, or raise ticket prices.

Since we'd rather not charge our audience more if we don't have to, the VPW is asking for input from its members on how to raise audience attendance. Please email your ideas to membership@villagplayhouse.org.

The Sorcerer's Apprentice



Preparations for the VPW Traveling Children's Show, *The Sorcerer's Apprentice*, are well under way. The auditions were last week and the cast will be announced soon.

5 performance dates have been scheduled so far:
 Dec 8th, 2013 Milwaukee Scottish Rites Center (for Breakfast with Santa)
 Jan. 11, 2014 Lake Country Children's Theater
 Jan. 19, 2014 West Allis Children's Theater
 April 12, 2014 Wauwatosa East
 April 26, 2014 Wauwatosa West

If you can't make these dates, don't worry. More performances will be added.

The Sorcerer's Apprentice is a delightful tale about a sorcerer, a bewitching cat and a lazy apprentice.

To book a production of *The Sorcerer's Apprentice* for your school or organization, please email SorcerersApprentice@villageplayhouse.org or call us at (414) 207-4VPW (4879).

See our [website](#) for more information.

Upcoming Dates

October 27th, 2013

Auditions for BrainStorm—6PM at Divine Word. We are looking for 4-5 actors skilled in realistic improv. Auditions will consist of improvisational theater games.

November 10th, 2013

Board Meeting - 3:30 PM at Divine Word. All members are welcome to attend.

BrainStorm: An Evening Of Improvisational Creativity—6PM at Divine Word. All are encouraged to attend. Donations accepted at the door.

December 8th, 2012

The Sorcerer's Apprentice—Time TBA at the Milwaukee Scottish Rites Center.

Director Needed

The VPW is looking for a director for our Spring Mainstage show, *Marvin's Room*. Auditions will be late December/early January, and the show will run in March.

Anyone interested should email their resume to RitaBates@villageplayhouse.org.

Resume's can also be mailed to:
 Village Playhouse of Wauwatosa
 Attn: Director Search
 PO box 13095
 Wauwatosa WI, 53213

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VPW members receive a 10% discount on CafePress merchandise by visiting the members only store [here](#).

VPW merchandise is a great way to show your support of our group. Also makes a great present for the theater lover in your life!



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- (b) Stimulate and satisfy the community's cultural interests;
- (c) Advance the instruction and training of individuals seeking to improve and develop their capabilities within the theatre;
- (d) Provide a forum for creativity and self expression of members.

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Get Involved ...

There is more to the VPW than what you see on the stage. Here's some ways to be involved with what happens when the curtain goes down:

Join a committee:

Membership/PR - This committee is in charge of getting our name out there by publicizing shows, auditions, and anything else the group is involved in. It also takes charge of getting new members and keeping members involved.

Playreading - This committee reads plays, plays and more plays, then reports back to the Board on which ones they liked and recommend for the next season.

One Act Festival Playreading - This committee reads all the One Act submissions and helps to pick which ones are in the show.

Please email

membership@villageplayhouse.org
for more details about joining a committee.

Come to a board meeting:

See how the day to day business of the board is decided. The next board meeting is on November 10th.

Please email

membership@villageplayhouse.org
for details.

Help behind the scenes with a show:

Send an email to volunteers@villageplayhouse.org for details on what is needed right now.

Thank you for being a member of the VPW. We hope to see you soon ... on stage, behind the scenes or in the audience!