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**29th Original  
One Act Festival  
for Wisconsin  
Playwrights**

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## Marvin's Room opens Friday

The Village Playhouse of Wauwatosa's spring mainstage show is *Marvin's Room* by Scott McPherson. This show chronicles a woman's struggle with leukemia while trying to care for her ailing father and elderly aunt and dealing with her estranged sister. While technically a drama, the show is full of delightfully funny moments leaving you laughing one minute and crying the next.

The show stars Marilou Davido as Bessie, Julia Snider plays her wayward sister, Lee. Daniel Slattery and Shawn Helton play Lee's sons, the trou-



bled Hank (Slattery) and the bookworm Charlie (Helton). Aunt Ruth is played by Carol Gegner. The cast is rounded out by Michael Davis as the eccentric Dr.

Wally, Brad Highdudis as Bob and Marvin, and Diana Randelzhofer as Dr. Charlotte and the Retirement Home Director.

Directed by Deanna Strasse, *Marvin's Room* will be presented March 21<sup>st</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup>, April 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 PM. There will be a 2:00 PM matinee on April 6<sup>th</sup>.

Please see [www.villageplayhouse.org](http://www.villageplayhouse.org) for more information.

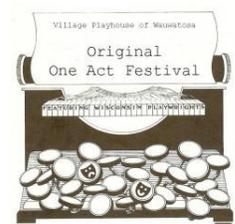
## One Act Festival Expanded

The current VPW season will close with not one, but **two** *Original One Act Festivals*. Due to popular demand and overwhelming submission of scripts from Wisconsin authors our 29<sup>th</sup> annual festival will be expanded to two parts.

*Part One* will run June 6<sup>th</sup>–22<sup>nd</sup>, 2014. Auditions will be held April 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00 PM.

*Part Two* will run August 8<sup>th</sup>–24<sup>th</sup>, 2014 with auditions June 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM.

All auditions, rehearsals and performances will be at Inspiration Studios.



## 2014-2015 Season Announced

The Village Playhouse is excited to announce it's 2014 - 2015 season.

The mainstage productions will be:

*The Strange Case of Doctor Jekyll and Mr Hyde*

~ October 17th - November 2nd 2014

*A Charlie Brown Christmas and Other Holiday Classics* - ~ December 5<sup>th</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup>, 2014

*All In The Timing*

~ February 13th - March 1st 2015

*Moon Over Buffalo*

~ April 17th - May 3rd 2015

*30th Annual One Act Festival For Wisconsin Authors*

~ June 5th - 21st, 2015

*A Midsummer Night's Dream*

~ August 7th - 23rd, 2015

The season will also include a traveling children's show which will run January - June 2015, and an entry for AACT-Fest with benefit performances February 6<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup>, 2015 to help send offset the cost of sending the show to festival.

Check out [www.villageplayhouse.org](http://www.villageplayhouse.org) for more details.

## Join the Marketing Committee

This is an exciting time for VPW; embarking on this new journey in a new home. This new space opens up many new ways to market shows and the VPW as a whole. Marketing is not just about advertising and press releases; it is about creating a

brand or image, finding ways to live up to that brand, and informing the public of the brand. Please join the Marketing Committee on March 27th at 5:30 PM to discuss what you like best about VPW now, what directions you would like

to be seen taken and what you believe VPW stands for or would like it to stand for. Whether you can make this date or not please send any ideas, thoughts or suggestions to [RitaBates@Villageplayhouse.org](mailto:RitaBates@Villageplayhouse.org) so she can set an agenda.

## Help needed with new programs

The VPW's new home opens up opportunities to do more for its members and our community. One of the first projects is to start holding theatrical workshops. Please join the Education Committee on March 30th at 3 PM

to discuss what the greatest educational needs are for the VPW and the greater Milwaukee theatrical community and how the VPW can best fill those needs. Whether you can make this date or not

please send any ideas, thoughts or suggestions to [RitaBates@villageplayhouse.org](mailto:RitaBates@villageplayhouse.org) so she can set an agenda. Hope to hear from many wanting to make VPW an even better theater company.

# Village Playhouse to host WACTCON 2016



The Wisconsin Association of Community Theatre recently awarded the Village Playhouse the rights to host the WACTON education conference in 2016.

This conference is a chance for theatre enthusiasts to come together and learn from knowledgeable workshop presenters and each other.

The conference will take place the weekend of February 26th- 28th, 2016. It will consist of a slate of workshops covering different areas of interest along with social activities where participants can meet, learn from, and commiserate with their fellow thespians from throughout the state.

At this point, plans are in their very early

stages and information will start to become available later in the year. If there are specific workshops you feel would be of value, drop a note to [WACTCON2016@VillagePlayhouse.org](mailto:WACTCON2016@VillagePlayhouse.org). For more information on the Village Playhouse visit our website at [VillagePlayhouse.org](http://VillagePlayhouse.org), for more information on the Wisconsin Association of Community Theatre, check out their website at [WACT.org](http://WACT.org).

Reserve the date now, you won't want to miss this event.

## VPW Alumnus working on Broadway

Village Playhouse alumnus Judy Schoenfeld is adding another Broadway production to her Stage Management resume. Judy is the Production Stage Manger for *If/Then* which is currently in previews and will officially open at the Richard Rogers Theatre March 30th



The show stars Tony winner Idina Menzel as Elizabeth, who moves to Manhattan to start a new life and discovers how choice and chance collide – and how to love the fallout.

Join us in wishing Judy a long run for the show.

## The Sorcerer's Apprentice

This year's touring children's show is *The Sorcerer's Apprentice* by Mary Hall Surface and directed by Tom Zuehlke.

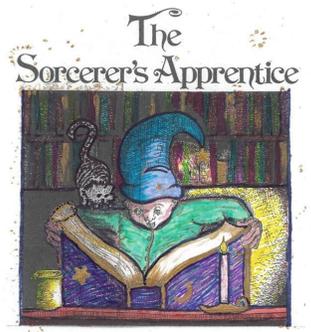
The cast includes Art Carter as The Sorcerer, Julianne Frey as Klaus the Apprentice, Judy Lee Tarbox as The Cat, Lily Sullivan

as The Magic Thunder, Kennedy Davis as The Magic Wind and Brianna Sullivan as The Magic Lightning.

Performances have been done for the Scottish Rites/Tripoli Shrine Christmas party, Lake Country Children's Theater, and

West Allis Players Children's Theater.

Future dates are April 12 at Wauwatosa East, April 26 at Wauwatosa West, May 3 at St. Francis of Assisi, Summerfest TBA. To book a performance of this show, please call Judy Lee at [262-408-5951](tel:262-408-5951).





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The purpose of the Village Playhouse of Wauwatosa is to

- (a) Promote the advancement of the theatre arts within the community;
- (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](mailto: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 April 15th at 3:00 PM

Please email [membership@villageplayhouse.org](mailto:membership@villageplayhouse.org) for details.

### Help behind the scenes with a show:

Send an email to [volunteers@villageplayhouse.org](mailto:volunteers@villageplayhouse.org) for details on what is needed right now.

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