



Derek Jacobs  
As Max



Dawn Baldwin  
As Caroline



Elizabeth Havican  
As Abby



Erico Ortiz  
As Frank

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**Directed by**  
**Joan**  
**Williamson**

## VPW to Enter Competition

On February 21, 2015 the Village Playhouse will once again take a show on the road to compete at the biennial Wisconsin State AACTFest competition. This journey will take them to Baraboo, Wisconsin to perform at the historic Al. Ringling Theatre along with six other groups from throughout the state. By the end of the weekend their hope is to be named one of two representatives to the regional festival in Midland, Michigan in April.

This year's show is *A Comedy in 3 Acts* penned by the VPW's own Tom Zuehlke. Of course in true theatrical misdirection the show is not a comedy and is only one act.

It's the story of Max and Caroline who are celebrating the anniversary of their meeting with dinner and a romantic evening. Or so they think. Complications ensue with a visit by Caroline's sister, a duplicate of granny's cherished necklace (or is it), a misspelled aunt's name, affairs, and drugs. The story has more twists and turns than a corkscrew store which eventually climaxes at life's third act.

Taking a show on the road is not a cheap endeavor. While the cast and crew pay most of



their own expenses, there are still numerous expenses related to entering the competition. To help support this effort, there will be a weekend of benefit performances February 6 – 8, 2015. Performances on February 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> will be at 7:30 PM and a 2:00 PM matinee will be presented on February 8<sup>th</sup>. All performances will be at Inspiration Studios, 1500 South 73<sup>rd</sup> Street in West Allis.

Tickets are \$17.00 for adults and \$15.00 for students and senior citizens. Tickets may be purchased online through [BrownPaperTickets.com](http://BrownPaperTickets.com). They may also be reserved by emailing [AACT-Fest@villageplayhouse.org](mailto:AACT-Fest@villageplayhouse.org) or calling (414) 207-4VPW (4879). More information can be found on the Village Playhouse website at [www.VillagePlayhouse.org](http://www.VillagePlayhouse.org)

## What is AACTFest?

AACTFest is a biennial competitive theatre festival organized under the auspices of the American Association of Community theatre (AACT). This competition takes place at a state, regional, and national level where each festival selects the representatives to the next level. It had its origins in 1957 when Princess Grace of Monaco instituted

Le Festival Mondiale du Théâtre Amateur to showcase amateur theatre from around the world. AACTFest was eventually established as the feeder mechanism to select the United States representative. While it is no longer used to select the representative to the festival in Monaco, it remains a showcase for American Community theatre.