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CAVORT 2016

RACE TO LOUISVILLE: WHERE CUTTING EDGE THEATRE MEETS SOUTHERN HOSPITALITY

40th Humana Festival of New American Plays Announced By Actors Theatre

The Humana Festival is the premier event of its kind in the nation, drawing theatre lovers, journalists, and film and stage producers from around the world. About 36,000 patrons attend the five weeks of plays and associated events, including students from 40 colleges and universities. It is the perfect opportunity to see new work, make new connections, and support the creation of new American theatre.

The C.A.V.O.R.T. 2016 Conference will be held March 18—20 this year at Actors Theatre in Louis-ville. Conference attendees will be seeing 3 of the Humana plays as part of their conference registration. Don't miss out on this unique opportunity to attend the conference and be a part of the Humana Festival experience.

If you want more information, go to www.actorstheatre.org



<u>For Peter Pan on her</u> 70th birthdau

by Sarah Ruhl directed by Les Waters commissioned by Actors Theatre of Louisville

This Random World

by Steven Dietz directed by Meredith McDonough

Residence

by Laura Jacqmin directed by Hal Brooks

Wellesley Girl

by Brendan Pelsue directed by Lee Sunday Evans

Cardboard Piano

by Hansol Jung directed by Leigh Silverman

Wondrous Strange

by Martyna Majok, Meg Miroshnik, Jiehae Park, and Jen Silverman directed by Marti Lyons performed by the 2015-2016 Acting Apprentice Company commissioned by Actors Theatre of Louisville

The Ten Minute Plays

To Be Announced

C.A.V.O.R.T. MISSION

The Conference about Volunteers of Regional Theatre is a not-for-profit corporation whose purpose is to strengthen and recognize volunteer organizations. It aims to establish a network for the exchange of ideas, projects and fund-raising activities vital in support of professional, not-for-profit regional theaters.





C.A.V.O.R.T. 2016 Conference Chair's Message

Now that the plays for the 2016 Humana Festival have been announced, I am excited to share with you the three plays that you will see as part of your conference package for the weekend of March 18–20.

Residence by Laura Jacqmin

directed by Hal Brooks

New mom Maggie returns to her medical sales job, checking into an extended-stay hotel in Arizona as she pursues the commission that will get her out of debt and back on track. When she

befriends two hotel employees intent on making her visit a five-star experience, they discover that their lives are all on similarly shaky ground. A funny and sharply-observed play about hanging on when you're at the end of your rope, and the times when letting go might be the most responsible thing to do.

This Random World by Steven Dietz

directed by Meredith McDonough

We want to believe that serendipity brings us together, but is that just a myth? Mining the comedy of missed connections, *This Random World* asks the serious question of how often we travel parallel paths through the world without noticing. *This Random World* received developmental support from The New Harmony Project (New Harmony, IN); Riverside Theatre (Iowa City, IA); and the Florida Atlantic Theatre Lab (Boca Raton, FL).

Wellesley Girl by Brendan Pelsue

directed by Lee Sunday Evans

It's 2465. American politics haven't changed much. Except that "America" is now only a handful of New England towns in a walled-in citadel. With canny humor and wicked intelligence, **Welles-ley Girl** exposes an unsettling truth: sometimes all you can do is flip a coin and hope that history proves you right.

Speakers: Theatre Experience Opportunities At Cavort 2016

In addition to seeing three world-premiere **Humana Festival** plays, the conference luncheons will enable registrants to peek behind the curtain to discover how this internationally acclaimed event has introduced nearly 450 plays into the American and international theatre's general repertoire over its forty-year history.

HUMANA FESTIVAL 101

A panel of Actors Theatre of Louisville staff members will fill you in on what you may have wondered about the Humana Festival: What is it? Why *Humana*? How are seven plays selected from the 2,000 submitted annually? What is the unique page-to-the-stage process that draws playwrights, actors, and designers to the Humana Festival? Who comes to the Humana Festival? What are the Humana Festival's Visitors' Weekends? What is the Humana Festival Anthology?



And, last but certainly not least, what is the role of volunteers during The Humana Festival?

PLAY INSIGHTS

A panel featuring dramaturgs for the Humana Festival plays that registrants will see during CA-VORT 2016 will share the "story behind the story." Learning the background behind each play's origin and development will enhance your viewing experience. Not quite sure what a dramaturg is? This is your opportunity to find out once and for all. Conference registrants will have the opportunity to ask their burning questions about the two plays they will have already seen and/or about the opening night premiere they will see that evening.

For more detailed information about the plays, the playwrights and the Humana Festival, please go to www.actorstheatre.org

Actors Theatre celebrates the 40th Humana Festival with underwriter the Humana Foundation, the philanthropic arm of Humana, Inc. Additional support is provided by the National Endowment for the Arts and The Harold and Mimi Steinberg Charitable Trust. The Humana Festival represents the largest and longest-running active partnership between a corporation and a theatre in the United States.

Patti Slagle

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March 18 – 20, 2016

Actors Theatre of Louisville and Actors Associates

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Are you a current m	nember of CAVORT? Yes No
(If no you must add	\$10.00 as part of your registration fee to join CAVORT)
Theater Affiliation_	Staff Volunteer
Vegetarian: Specify any othe	that you will be able to receive a special meal if you reserve it when you register.) r special dietary need such as vegan, gluten-free, etc.: other special needs:
heater Tickets:	Tickets for three Humana Festival Plays are included with your registration. Participants who want to purchase additional individual tickets can make reservations by calling the Actors Theatre Box office (502) 584-1205 or (502) 371-0956 TDD or through the Actors Theatre Website www.actorstheatre.org . Please use the code "CAVORT" to receive the CAVORT Conference ticket discount.
	Accessibility Needs: Please indicate any accessibility needs for theater seating when making your reservation. The theater provides large-print programs and assisted listening devices at no fee.



CONFERENCE REGISTRATION OPTIONS: Registration Deadline: February 1, 2016 (Late registration fee assessed after February 1, 2016) **DESCRIPTION COST** COST **TOTAL** Before Feb. 1, 2016 After Feb. 1, 2016 COST **Full Conference Registration Includes:** 3 Plays, 2 Receptions, 2 Luncheons, 1 Happy Hour \$ 295.00 \$ 345.00 All Sessions and Amenities **Companion Registration For Full Conference Registration Attendees Includes:** 3 Plays, 2 Receptions, 1 Happy Hour Companion Name:_____ \$ 160.00 \$ 210.00 **Optional Friday Tour:** Churchill Downs and Jim Beam Distillery \$ 100.00 \$125.00 **TOTAL CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FEE CAVORT DUES:** (Participants must be a current CAVORT member) \$ 10.00 \$ 10.00 **TOTAL REGISTRATION COST** PAYMENT INFORMATION Make checks payable to CAVORT 2016 Paying by credit card: Name on Card _____ Card Number _____ Expiration Date_____ Security Code _____ Cardholder's Signature Please mail your completed Registration Form to: Cavort 2016 c/o Bill Kuntz 5007 Marina CV Louisville, Kentucky 40059-8853 Or email the form to: wrkuntz@gmail.com



C.A.V.O.R.T. 2016 Conference Hotel Reservation Information

The Associates are looking forward to CAVORT 2016. The following information will help you in making a Hotel reservation. The discount is available beginning 16-Mar-2016 through 21-Mar-2016.

RESERVATIONS PROCESS Conference Discount Code is "CAVORT 2016"

Online group reservations are now being accepted. A dedicated booking website is available to make, modify and cancel hotel reservations online, as well as take advantage of any room upgrades, amenities or other services offered by the hotel. To preview the website, please click the following link:

https://resweb.passkey.com/go/CAVORT2016

IMPORTANT NOTE: The web address shown above gives you access to the group rate. Make sure the link opens the booking website in a separate window. Use only the link provided above to make your discounted reservation.

The discount rate will not be honored or available through www.galthouse.com

Conference Room Rates

Deluxe -Two Double Beds or One King Bed in the Rivue Tower- conference rate of \$129 + taxes per night. *Room Rate does not include breakfast.

The Galt House conference rate reservation deadline is Feb. 22, 2016.

*Breakfast available at Hotel Café Magnolia on the second floor of the RIVUE Tower & Thelma's 24-hour Deli located in the Conservatory (3rd floor between the SUITE and RIVUE Towers).

Galt House Hotel 140 North Fourth St. Louisville, KY 40202 800-916-4339 502-589-5200





Getting to Louisville

By Air

Louisville is served by the Louisville International Airport (SDF), a low-fare airport with service from 25 non-stop locations and convenient connections to cities worldwide. Located just 10 minutes away from downtown Louisville, the airport has many ground transportation options including major rental car outlets as well as bus, taxi and limousine.

By Car

Louisville lies at the intersection of Interstate highways 65 from Indianapolis and Chicago to the north and Nashville and Montgomery to the south, 64 from St. Louis to the west and Charleston, WV to the east and 71 from Cincinnati and Cleveland to the north.



MUSEUM ROW

While at CAVORT, you'll stay at The Galt House hotel and visit Actors Theatre of Louisville as well as the Kentucky Center for the Arts as part of our conference program. These venues are located on Louisville's historic Main Street where some of the oldest buildings in the city are located. Many Main Street structures feature cast iron facades - the largest collection of such facades outside of New York City's SoHo. The brick sidewalks even indicate exactly where the iron is located by facing a different direction. Take a magnet as you stroll Louisville's Main Street, and you'll see what we mean.

You can't miss our Main Street historic district - literally. We like to do things BIG in Louisville and Main Street is no exception. Look for the HUGE gold replica of Michelangelo's David statue in the 700 block, the MAMMOTH baseball bat in the 800 block, and the MASSIVE bottle of bourbon in the 500 block! You can't miss them!

Preserving and recognizing history is an important part of Louisville, and it's especially celebrated on West Main Street in our historical district named "Museum Row." Because numerous museums are so close together, it's easy to walk among them. The district also provides a "Main Ticket" which permits onetime entrance to all of the attractions for one year, a savings on regular admission prices. Learn more about the Main Ticket and even purchase one online by going to: http://www.museumrowonmain.com/

These original attractions are located within four walkable blocks of West Main Street:

Frazier History Museum

Knights and dragons and swords, oh my! The Frazier History Museum is the only Royal Armory showcase outside of Great Britain and features interactive exhibits, performances and artifacts representing the last 1,000 years. http://

fraziermuseum.org/

Glassworks

THE hottest place in Louisville! Watch artists work with molten glass over a 2,200-degree furnace and use fire to create fine art with finesse, possibly even make your own work of art.

http://www.flamerun.com/

Louisville Slugger Museum and Factory

The world's largest baseball bat leans against the front of the Louisville Slugger Museum & Factory. Take the factory tour to see how the famous bats are made; then hit the batting cage and hold Mickey Mantle's or Cal Ripken Jr.'s bats. http://

www.sluggermuseum.com/

Kentucky Science Center

Explore the world around us and the word within us. The four-story science center is filled with interactive multimedia that makes science more fun and less fundamental. http://

kysciencecenter.org/

KentuckyShow!

Narrated by Kentucky Native Ashley Judd and recommended by TripAdvisor®, Kentucky Show! is a

"must see" for Kentuckians and visitors alike. Open to the public six days a week for scheduled showings in the Kentucky Science Center's four-story digital theatre. http://kentuckyshow.com/

Kentucky Museum of Art and Craft

Traditional and contemporary art is displayed within three rotating galleries in the museum. KMAC should have finished its current renovation and open during CAVORT. If not, be sure to visit the Pop-Up Shop, one block from the museum at 609 West Main Street, Suite 2. http://www.kmacmuseum.org/

21c Museum Hotel

Voted #1 hotel in the south in 2013 by Conde Nast Traveler, 21c is the most unique hotel and museum in Louisville hosting modern art exhibits free to the public. You can't miss 21C - just look for the red penguins. http://www.21cmuseumhotels.com/ louisville/museum/

The Muhammad Ali Center

The Muhammad Ali Center has been awarded honors such as "Best Cultural Attraction" and "Best Places to Visit" since it opened. https://alicenter.org/

Evan Williams Bourbon Experience

It's hard to miss a four-story bottle of bourbon pouring into a giant rocks glass. Take a tour and walk through over 200 years of bourbon history. Discover how bourbon history is Kentucky history. http://

evanwilliams.com/visit.php



VOLUNTEER ENRICHMENT OPPORTUNITIES CAVORT 2016 March 19-20, 2016

A blend of theatre experiences and volunteer enrichment creates a rich program for CAVORT 2016. Volunteer enrichment opportunities will include the following:

Volunteers as Advocates

A panel of notable figures from the Louisville arts community will discuss the critical role of volunteers in advocating for the arts in general as well as for particular arts organizations. The panelists will explore volunteer advocacy on a personal, local and national level. This panel will be moderated by a long-time arts advocate who has been recognized as a "Louisville Connector."

"Creature Feature" or Education Excitement?

Anyone who has attended student theatre performances knows they're different "creatures" from those attended by the general public. Particular strategies, often with volunteers playing a key role, are needed to ensure that everyone involved has a productive experience. Our featured presenters, Education Directors from The Repertory Theatre of St. Louis and Actors Theatre of Louisville, will discuss how their theatres incorporate volunteers as team members to ensure worthwhile student theatre encounters. Our panelists will also share additional ways in which their theatres engage volunteers in their educational programming. This session will be moderated by a veteran student matinee usher from Actors Theatre of Louisville.

Making the Arts Accessible for Everyone

Join us at the Kentucky Center for the Arts for a demonstration of how Actors Theatre and the Kentucky Center for the Arts collaborate to increase access and inclusion in their programming. Learn about the significant role that volunteers play in providing those services.

It's All About the Money . . . or Is It?

Theatre volunteers raise funds for diverse purposes and in various ways. Panelists from three CAVORT member theatres will share the reasons for which volunteers raise funds at their theatres. They will further explore strategies that have lead to fundraising success. This session will be moderated by a member of Actors Theatre's Development Department.

Millennials: Engaging the Next Generation of Volunteers

The Millennial generation is taking its place in arts organizations across the country as our newest volunteers. This panel, composed of Millennials united by their interest in live theatre, will discuss the benefits of having Millennials associated with our organizations and strategies for getting them involved.



NOVEMBER 30 DEADLINE FOR

YOUR THEATER TO PARTICIPATE IN C.A.V.O.R.T. 2016 BRIGHT IDEAS & TABLE DISPLAY

It's not too early for CAVORT member theatres to start thinking about creating a table display for the 2016 CAVORT Conference. Conference attendees and guests always enjoy seeing these displays highlighting the innovative ideas and programs that your theatres and volunteers have developed to make your theatre a special venue for patrons, artists and volunteers. Brochures and and/or other handouts are especially welcomed! More information about display tables will be sent in the coming weeks. However, we encourage you to mark November 30, 2015, the deadline for reserving your theater's table.



Bright Ideas We need to hear from YOU!!

CAVORT 2016 will be here before you know it. An important component of the conference is sharing ideas that sister theaters can utilize to better their programs. CAVORT Member Theatres are invited to submit Bright Ideas.

All genre of projects are welcome, be it fundraising,

working with volunteers or just a novel thought that will help a volunteer organization theater function better. If your theatre would like to participate in Bright Ideas but is not a CAVORT Theatre Member, please go to **www.cavortinc.com** to learn how to become a member. It's easy.

Guidelines for Submissions:

- 1. Name of your theater
- 2. Name and contact information of person who can answer questions
- 3. Name and description of idea. You may submit more than one idea. Please submit each idea separately.
- 4. Describe your idea in some detail
- 5. Maximum length of text is 2 pages exclusive of photos, which are welcomed.
- 6. List elements essential to success such as seed money, help from other community organizations or theater.
- 7. Estimated amount of hours required from volunteers and theater staff.
- 8. Estimated cost (if a fundraiser, esti mated net income.)
- 9. Results of the effort please expound on successful outcomes tangible or non-tangible.

Recognition

Three ideas submitted by CAVORT Member Theatres deemed to be the best will receive cash prizes:

- 1. \$100
- 2. \$50
- 3. \$50

Judging will be based on

- 1. originality
- 2. how easy for other theaters to use
- 3. perceived results
- 4. long term benefits

If you have questions, please contact Co-Chairs, Bright Ideas 2016 at

Elizabeth Bergmann ebergmann@bellsouth.net Paul Bergmann pbergmann@bellsouth.net

> **Deadline for Submittal:** November 30, 2015

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