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# CAVORT 2016

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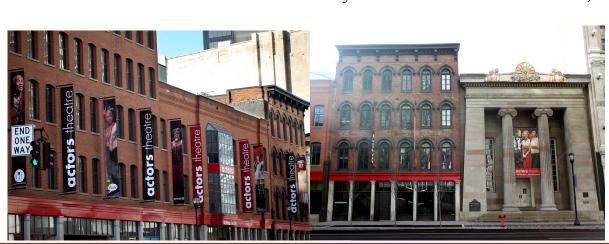
#### Hello CAVORT Members!

On behalf of Actors Theatre we're so thrilled to invite you to Louisville for CAVORT 2016. As you know, Actors Theatre is so fortunate to have a volunteer group like Actors Associates who provide so many vital services to our theatre. The Associates have already been planning and everyone here at Actors is fully committed to making CAVORT 2016 a fantastic conference!

Because you'll be visiting us when we're at our very best - during the Humana Festival of New American Plays - not only will you get to enjoy world premiere plays but you'll get to meet some of the artists and theatre professionals that make the Festival happen. It will be a truly unique experience.

And if you've never been to Louisville, you're in for a treat. Actors Theatre is convenient to galleries, museums and great dining and we're planning lots of great things for you to do while you're here.

We can't wait to see you in Louisville March 18-20, 2016!



#### 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. President's Message



Terry Delavan,
President of the CAVORT
Board of Directors and a
board member of Syracuse Stage Guild

As I am writing this, it is the most beautiful end of summer day! I can only hope that you have had a wonderful summer, and have enjoyed many days such as this!!

Speaking of enjoyable – the Louisville CAVORT planning committee is planning a most enjoyable Conference in March, 2016 for all of us Cavorters.

The CAVORT Board of Directors met in Louisville last March. From the opening bell, the Louisville CAVORT planning committee had us all excited about the upcoming conference. The Board had a sampling of what is planned for the Conference: we were welcomed with a lovely reception, enjoyed several Humana Festival plays, dined out very well and were able to explore a lovely city. Of course, we did get work done during the Board meeting!

I know that the CAVORT planning committee is hard at work finalizing all their plans – I will let them share with you all the events that will be happening at the conference – but I can guarantee from the weekend that the CAVORT Board enjoyed, we will be treated to a conference with great style and Southern hospitality.

You won't want to miss Louisville CAVORT 2016!! To make sure that you don't miss out on any of the events planned, please take this opportunity to

become part of the CAVORT organization which promotes and recognizes the volunteers and staff who are so essential to the success of our theatres. You can join at <a href="www.cavortinc.com">www.cavortinc.com</a>. and become part of this international fellowship of theatre lovers.

See y'all in Louisville!!

Terry

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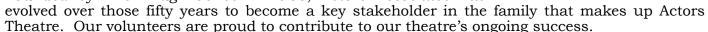
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## C.A.V.O.R.T. 2016 Conference Chair's Message It's my pleasure to officially announce that CAVORT 2016 will be held at Actors Theatre of Louisville on March 18-20, 2016 (Friday – Sunday).

In a few short months we'll be welcoming you to Louisville and Actors Theatre. We're already excited about sharing our fair city (full of surprises), our beloved **Actors Theatre of Louisville**, and the incredible Humana Festival of New American Plays with you.

Our volunteer organization, Actors Associates, is celebrating its 50th anniversary in 2016 so it's fitting that we should host CA-VORT during that significant moment in our volunteer history. Founded by Trish Pugh Jones in 1966, Actors Associates has



If the extent of your Louisville knowledge is limited to Churchill Downs, The Kentucky Derby and possibly Louisville Slugger, you're in for a treat! If you attended the Louisville CAVORT Conference in 1996, you'll discover our city has experienced a renaissance - especially in the area of downtown where you'll be spending much of your time.

Actors Theatre is located on Main Street across from the conference hotel, The Galt House. Main Street is now known as "Museum Row." On that one street alone, you can visit ten attractions including The Louisville Slugger Museum and Factory, Kentucky Show! (well worth a viewing), Muhammad Ali Center, and Evan Williams Bourbon Experience among others. And that's just Main Street! You can learn about all of the Main Street attractions at this website: http:// www.museumrowonmain.com/

The jewel in Actors Theatre's crown is **The Humana Festival**. It's impossible to characterize the festival in a few short sentences. You have to experience it to get a true sense of what it is and what it has to offer - and you will be able to do just that at CAVORT 2016! You'll have the opportunity to see three - yes, three - full productions of world premiere plays as part of your CAVORT registration. In addition, you'll be able to peek behind the scenes to learn just what the Humana Festival is about (think playwrights and playwriting) and how our theatre manages to pull it off every year. (Hint: The Humana Festival receives nearly 2,000 script submissions annually. How



does Actors Theatre select seven of these for full productions during The Humana Festival? You'll find out at CAVORT 2016.)

Be looking for CAVORT 2016 registration information in November. It will come your way in the CAVORT newsletter that month and will be added to the CAVORT website. Experiencing CAVORT 2016 during The Humana Festival of New American Plays at Actors Theatre of Louisville is an exciting and insightful opportunity you don't want to miss!

> Patti Slagle **CAVORT 2016 Chair**



## meets Southern Hospitality

#### Louisville is a Destination!

Louisville is much more than the Kentucky Derby (although that's distinction enough). Within walking distance of Actors Theatre is the Louisville Slugger Factory and Museum, Evan Williams Bourbon Experience, the Kentucky Museum of Art and Craft, The Muhammad Ali Center, The Louisville Science Center & IMAX featuring "The Kentucky Show," and more. Learn about Kentucky's bourbon heritage – and favorite food group at www.bourboncountry.com. You might even want to take a stroll through Louisville's Urban Bourbon Trail.

CAVORT 2016, March 18-20, hosted by Actors Theatre of Louisville...

will allow those who visit for the first time to discover our gem of a city and our **Southern Hospitality!** Actors Theatre and its volunteer organization, Actors Associates, have made it their mission to roll out the welcome mat for **CAVORT** visitors.

Why
Should
You
Attend
C.A.V.O.R.T.
2016
in
Louisville?



#### The Humana Festival of New American Plays!



Originated in 1976, The Humana Festival of New American Plays is an internationally renowned festival that celebrates the contemporary American playwright. Actors Theatre typically mounts seven full productions of new works during the festival. Conference registrants will see three Humana Festival plays – all world premieres .





## our Theater Can Participate in C.A.V.O.R.T. 2016 With a 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 in-

novative 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 cavortinc.com to learn how to become one. It's easy.

Three ideas submitted by CAVORT Member Theatres deemed to be the best will receive cash prizes: one \$100 and two \$50s. Judging will be based on originality, how easy for other theaters to use, perceived results and long term benefits.

#### **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, etc.
- 7. Estimated amount of hours required from volunteers and theater staff.
- 8. Estimated cost (if a fundraiser, estimated net income.)
- 9. Results of the effort please expound on successful outcomes tangible or non-tangible.

If you have questions, please contact Elizabeth and Paul Bergmann, Co-Chairs, Bright Ideas 2016 at ebergmann@bellsouth.net or pbergmann@bellsouth.net

Deadline for Submittal: November 30, 2015



## The Humana Festival of New American Plays

is the leading event of its kind, launching new plays into the national spotlight! Catch groundbreaking works that represent many generations, many voices and many views. Combined with world-class design and performances, this celebration of American playwrights' innovation and imagination has something for everyone.

Humana Foundation Generously supported by the Humana Foundation, the Humana Festival is an internationally acclaimed event that has introduced more than



The Glory of the World by Charles Mee at the 2015 Humana Festival of New American Plays. (Photo by Bill Brymer)

Lee Anne Fahey, Kathey Bates and Susan Kingsley

400 plays into the American and international theatre's general repertoire, including three Pulitzer Prize winners— *The Gin Game* by D. L. Coburn, *Crimes of the Heart* by Beth Henley and *Dinner with Friends* by Donald Margulies—as well as Rinne Groff's *The Ruby Sunrise*, Jane Martin's *Anton in Show Business*, Charles L. Mee's *Big Love*, Theresa Rebeck's *The Scene*, Gina Gionfriddo's *After Ashley* and *Becky Shaw*, UNIVERSES' *Ameriville*, Jordan Harrison's *Maple and Vine*, Stephen Belber's *Tape* and The Civilians' *This Beautiful City*.

CAVORT 2016 attendees will see three Humana Festival plays.

These will be announced in late 2015.

# Nuts &

in Crimes of the Heart by Beth Henley (1979)

## **Bolts Volunteer Roundtables**

We hear repeatedly that the best aspect of a CAVORT gathering is meeting and talking with volunteers from other theatres. Therefore, we've created an opportunity for you to do just that early in the conference.

Many of you may come to CAVORT 2016 with specific volunteer needs and/or questions. Chances are good that someone at the conference will have ideas that address your needs or will have answers to your questions.

The **Nuts & Bolts Volunteer Roundtables** on Saturday morning will provide an opportunity to ask questions and share ideas with fellow volunteers. Each roundtable will have a designated topic and a discussion facilitator. Registrants will be able to participate in two roundtables during the session.

Topics for the roundtables include:

Starting & Managing a Volunteer Program
Recruiting & Retaining Volunteers
Communicating With and Among Volunteers
Challenges in Working With Volunteers

Organizing Volunteer Operations
Funding Volunteer Services
Theatre Services Provided by Volunteers

Marketing Volunteer Opportunities & Activities

Activities for Volunteers: Social, Rewards, Theatre Events

We hope you'll take advantage of these roundtables to learn about fellow volunteers with mutual interests and discover registrants with great ideas so you can continue your conversations throughout the conference.







## C.A.V.O.R.T. 2016 Conference Hotel

### On the Ohio River less than 1 block from Actors Theatre



- 1. Deluxe -Two Double Beds or One King Bed in the Rivue Towerconference rate of \$129 + taxes per night. Room Rate does not include breakfast.
- 2. "Mini-Suite" with Two Queen Beds and one bath in the Suite Tower. conference rate of \$149 + tax per night. Room Rate does not include breakfast.

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).

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

Conference Discount Code is "CAVORT 2016"

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## 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.



## Pre-Conference Tour: ON THE SIDE

Kentucky and Louisville are centrally located and have grown in popularity due to the upsurge of events, music, museums, attractions, and Louisville's growing reputation as a "foodie" city. This all takes second place to the hospitality and charm of our River City. Your CAVORT host committee has arranged an opportunity for you to tour three of the area's premier attractions on Friday, March 18. This pre-conference tour makes it worth planning for extra time to enjoy Louisville.

The **Kentucky Derby Museum**, located at Churchill Downs, is a 12 minute drive from The Galt House. Bus transportation will be provided from the hotel, to "the backside" of Churchill Downs for an exclusive **Backside Breakfast Tour** starting at **8:30 A.M.** Breakfast will be served in the Track



Kitchen, which is not open to the public. Breakfast will include the opportunity to watch horses during their morning workout. A tour of the Kentucky Derby Museum will follow. The museum's exhibits might not instill the "racing bug" but it is impossible not to be impressed with the beautiful horses that have such history with Kentucky and Churchill Downs in particular.



**Churchill Downs Backside Tour** 

The Derby Museum tour will conclude in time to continue on to the next attraction, a visit to the brand new **Jim Beam Distillery Visitor's Center** in Clermont, Kentucky. As you will notice during your stay, Kentucky has become the bourbon mecca of the country, with many visitors coming to travel the Bourbon Trail. Our trip is 25 miles from Churchill Downs and the comfortable bus ride will give us an opportunity to relax and enjoy the lovely scenery. A box lunch, with drinks, will be provided with your tour reservation. The Jim Beam tour will start at 1:00 P.M. and ends 90 minutes later

with a bourbon tasting class.
The tour informs participants

of the history behind the process, the manufacturing, and the pride which is a big part of the end product. Not your typical attraction, but then you are in Kentucky.

Your opportunity to reserve a spot on this tour will be included on the registration form that will be available on the <u>cavortnc.com</u> website in November. The tour cost will cover all entrance fees, bourbon tasting, transportation, beverages, breakfast, *and box lunch*. The tour will return to The Galt House by **3:30 P.M.** allowing plenty of time before the Conference opening reception. Any mobility issues should not be a problem, but walking around the museum and distillery is required on the tours.

Participation on this exciting tour is limited to 50 lucky participants. The tour cost will be available on the registration form. You must reserve and pay for your spot when you register for CAVORT 2016. Availability is provided on a first-come, first-served basis on date of receipt and paid registration.



Jim Beam Still House Tour & Bourbon Tasting in Clermont, KY.