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are individuals who make
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Welcome to PlayWrite's Winter Performance.

My fellow board members and I want to give back some of the warm feelings you help create all year long... hence, Hugs & Hot Chocolate. We want to say thanks to all of you, who make PlayWrite possible.

Thanks to the schools that value the work we do and see the promise in their students.

Thanks to the students who open their hearts, minds and imagination (sometimes reluctantly), and to the coaches and actors who guide, capture and bring to life these stories that need to be told.

An especially warm hug to the generous donors who allow us to do this work that warms hearts and melts the chill of untapped potential. Your gifts are changing lives and fueling futures.

Tonight's selected performances are just the tip of the iceberg. The stories you will see played out by brilliantly realized characters are just a sample of the great work that goes on all year in our workshops.

Just like an iceberg that is much bigger and deeper beneath the water, the potential of the youth we serve is often frozen, submerged and hidden. With the help of a one-on-one coach at a PlayWrite workshop, we begin to defrost creativity with the warmth of trust.

A hug and a cup of hot chocolate – even from Moonstruck – can't begin to show our gratitude, so we will let the work of the students do the talking. We'd love to show you more, and invite you to performances throughout the year at the schools we serve. Please visit our website, or check our electronic newsletter for performance dates.

May the warmth here tonight be with you throughout the holiday and the New Year.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Steve Cox', with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right.

Steve Cox

Board President

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Executive Director's Note

Three weeks ago, PlayWrite had a birthday. We were founded on November 20th, 2003. In operation for six years now, we are humming along in fine spirits. Ours has been the absolute good fortune to share the PlayWrite workshop experience with more than 400 young people in that time. Tonight, you and I will witness a small yet powerful slice of the work that 16 of those young writers have produced. Some of tonight's writers we have met only recently; our relationship with several of them goes back more than three years. I hope you will take a moment to meet them...don't be shy!

The heart of the PlayWrite experience is the one-to-one relationship between writer and coach. That relationship stands on a rock-solid foundation of trust, challenge, and support. Hour after hour, day after day, the emotional, physical and intellectual dance deepens and intensifies. The work is difficult, sometimes painful, yet when performance day comes, everyone involved knows it's been worth the struggle.

This year, 25 dedicated coaches participated in the 10 workshops we held. I hope you will take the opportunity tonight to meet some of them. I hope also that you will meet our board members, who are ultimately responsible for existence of PlayWrite. They are fearless individuals, passionate about the work we do, and are eagerly taking on the challenges we face as an organization.

More than 5,000 people have experienced that intensely alive moment with PlayWrite, when students first see their plays performed by professional actors. Plays are written to be performed *with* an audience. Half a century ago, Marcel Duchamp observed that "*the creative act is not formed by the artist alone...*" Spectators engage, wonder about each character's history, guessing what's going to happen next, spinning their own possible scenarios. They are laying down unique memories, thoughts and feelings that will stay with them for a long time. A charged web of connection links the minds in the room. The creative fire of the writer leaps onto the page, works its way into the body and spirit of the actors, singers and musicians, and now it engages you, bringing your creativity into play. This is the magic of theatre, and indeed it is the essential magic of being human. Everything begins with – and depends upon – connection.

Thank you for sharing this night –



Bruce Livingston

Executive Director

Coaches, Performers, and Production Staff 2009

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Timothy Scarrott
Grace Hsu Shapiro
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Michael Stone
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Actors & Singers

Deirdre Atkinson
Ayanna Berkshire
Cindy Brown
Peter Campbell
Jim Caputo
Rollin Carlson
Spencer Conway
Matt Deegan
Sarah Liane Foster
Andrew Harris
Julianna Jaffe
Noah Jordan
Beth Kahlen
Rebecca Frost Mayer
Wade McCollum
Sam Mowry
Alyson Osborn
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Darius Pierce
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Jen Ruljancich
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Program

Dec. 14, 2009

Welcome – Rick Hawkins, Geffen Mesher
Master of Ceremonies – Paul Susi

Stubborn Opposites by Andrea

HARRY THE HIGHNESS, a rock-climbing harness – Timothy Scarrott
JIMMY, a river – Spencer Conway

“Letting You Go” by Katrina

Sung by Deirdre Atkinson (as JADE, a pair of skinny jeans)

“I Will Be Yours” by Krystal

Sung by Noah Jordan (as LUCKY, a mango-eating golden retriever)

Courage Within by Emily

BONEY, a stick with cotton at both ends – Ayanna Berkshire
BONITA, a bright orange leaf – Deirdre Atkinson

“Is He Proud of Me” by Brittney

Sung by Julianna Jaffe (as TYLER, a green gecko)

The Lost Clod of Dirt and the Worrying Fishing Pole by Ethan

DIRTY BELLY, a clod of dirt – Spencer Conway
POLEY, an old-fashioned fishing pole – Wade McCollum

“I’m a Catfish” by Jon

Sung by Michael Stone (as CARTAY, a catfish)

INTERMISSION

“I Made Up My Mind” by Ian

Sung by Shawn Price (as SVEN, a typewriter)

Stream of Consciousness by Daniel

ALFRED, a can of spray paint – Michael Stone
JADE, a deer – Ayanna Berkshire



“If I Don’t Get Watered” by Nolan

Sung by Wade McCollum (as ROB, a small red pear)

“I’ll Help You” by Greg

Sung by Ayanna Berkshire (as BILLY, a hammer)

Authority and Length by Quintin

BILL, a six-foot tall fishing pole – Alyson Osborn

PHIL, a crocodile with great scales – Matt Deegan

“I Married Him” by Julian

Sung by Julianna Jaffe (as EON, a canyon)

Reunite by Corey

VERIAN, a lion – Wade McCollum

RAVEN, a basketball with black stripes – Noah Jordan

“But Nobody Knows” by Jazmin

Sung by Shawn Price (as JUMPER, a cricket)

“Now I Finally Get It” by Kelsey

Sung by Noah Jordan and Michael Stone (as SANDY, a pink tumbleweed)



Production Staff

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Mel Kubik, Composer, Keyboards, Vocals
Ken Sawyer, Percussion
Molly Scholz, Keyboards, Vocals
Sandin Wilson, Bass

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MercyCorps, for generously donating desks, bookcases, filing cabinets, shredder, cupboards and coat racks!

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To all of the wonderful volunteers who have given so generously of their time, effort and skill to make this even a success.

All programs and plays—2009

ChristieCare/Merrick School

Jan. 20, 2009

Erik	The Frozen Star and the Plate-Thingy
Mikki	I Don't See Any Other Way
Phillip	Too Sunny Valley
Jamie	Rosin
Shannon	A Brace Escape
GloryAnna	Stringle and Madeline
Isaac	Friends and Fears
Robert	The Triumph

Portland Night High School

Jan. 26, 2009

David	The Mission
Hailey	Christmas Will Lose Its Cheer if No One Tells Paul What He Wants to Hear
Isaac	Soft and Stone
Kelsey	Reverse Psychology
Nolan	Bruised Fruit
Greg	A Yearning for the Sea, and a Collection
Amy	The Rising Moon
Britney	Hack and Shell
Jermaine	Open-Minded Music

Centennial Learning Center

Feb. 17, 2009

Casey	Rotten Wood
Jessica	The Ups and Downs of Corey and Henry
Laura	Character Monologues
Kris	Friends Turned to Family
Sebastian	Distrust
Katlin	Master's Need to be Scary
Joseph	Bananas at Practice

Cedar Bough, Program 1

April 13, 2009

Quentin	West Side Family
Tori	Can't Always Get What You Want
Briana	Ups and Downs
Dallas	The Most Perfect Imperfection
Angel	Their Greatest Wishes
Tiana	Purple Bandaid
Amber	Three Bites

Rosemont School

May 1, 2009

Kianna	Where Snobby Met Sticky
Ashlee	The Heart Untold
Jenevieve	Something from the Sky
Kayla D.	Running from Reality
Samantha	The Fox and the Flame
Mariah	Beauty is in the Eye of the Beholder
Angel	What Happened with Runner and Corbin
Emily	Breaking Point
Meyauna	The Sadness of a Lightbulb

New Avenues for Youth

May 11, 2009

JC	Recognition of Acceptance
Charlie	Eagle In the Light
Chris	The Last Memory
Deangelo	Dark Metamorphosis
Gavin	With the Heat
Stephanie	Rose and Sariah, Palm Tree Paradise

White Shield Center

June 2, 2009

Aiyana	Stuck Between a Rock and a Hard Place
Kim	Unconditionally
Wendy	Best Friends, or Not?
Jasmine	Jungle Hood
Nicole	Opening Night
Deanna	Purple
Andrea	Stubborn Opposites
Bella	The Secrets That Lie Within Us
Skyela	Run Away and Moss Living
Tyanna	Torn Between Hopes

Cedar Bough, Program 2

August 13, 2009

Carissa	The Wanting
Elicia	If I'm Not Big
Elizabeth	Friends or Enemies
Hayley	Broken Between Fear
Theo	Colorless Emotions
MCJ	How Johnny and Edward Met
Corey	Reunite

Open Meadow Middle School
September 29, 2009

Alycia	Family or Friends
Bryony	Paradox
Quintin	Authority and Length
Lorelei	Goliath and Darkness: Ancient Rocks
	Frozen With Fear, Part One
Maria	Friends in the Sun
Gloria	Coral

Mt. Scott Learning Center
September 29, 2009

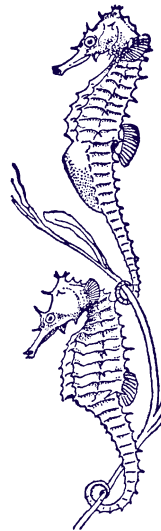
Robbie	I Don't Know
Josslynn	Ralph's Day Away From Gertrude
Shawn	The Mohawk and the Glacier
Taylor	Reaching for the Ocean
Tia	Banana
Katie	Breaking Free
Daniel	Stream of Consciousness

Cedar Bough, Program 3
November 27, 2009

Malia	The Meaning of Friendship
Jeff	Running Wolf and El Soccerball's
	Fight Back
Michael	Charlie
Chance	Wooshy and Sheckle
Emily	Courage Within
Ethan	The Lost Clod of Dirt and the
	Worrying Fishing Pole

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—Marcel Duchamp*

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Our next performance is tomorrow:
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