



PLAYWRITE INC

Empowering marginalized youth with tools for creative self-expression.

Spring, 2007

Executive Director's Report

Bruce Livingston

The past six months have been exciting and productive ones for everyone involved with PlayWrite. By the end of the academic year we will have held nine workshops. Thanks to the board's hard work and the generosity of our supporters, we enjoyed an outstanding response to the Maybelle Clark Macdonald Fund challenge grant. A PlayWrite World Premiere is scheduled for July 9th at the Gerding Theater. This event will showcase the youngest playwrights and lyricists ever to have their work produced in Portland's most dramatic theater space. It will be a magical evening.

Fall and Winter Program News

The first-ever songwriting workshop and musical performance at Mt. Scott Learning Center last November was a huge success. In February we held a second songwriting workshop at Centennial Learning Center. Mary Ross, Mel Kubik-Bondy and Doug Fraser created the curriculum for this new workshop. With the collaboration of veteran PlayWrite coaches and actors, this threesome helped the kids achieve new heights of creativity and emotional truth, coaching each student in the mysterious ways of songwriting. They then composed music for each of the songs, and brought everything to life in the performances following both workshops. The complicated

production details were ably managed by our fantastic coach Alyson Osborn.

Challenge Grant Response

The Maybelle Clark Macdonald Fund challenge grant has served us well and is a powerful engine for growth. We created an Underwriters Circle comprised of individuals who contributed at least \$1,000 to PlayWrite in 2006. The Fund matched each of those contributions, and for board members the match was \$2,000.

Special thanks go to brothers Clarke and Selwyn Bingham, and to Dan and Kimberly Agnew who hosted parties for potential Circle

two years, and we hope to continue this phenomenal growth. Our thanks, cheers and kudos go to Mrs. Macdonald, the Trustees of the fund, and to Chris Folkestad, Pam Resnik and Diana Suit. They have each been instrumental in building a strong foundation for PlayWrite.

Board President News

Renée Glasgow – my heroine – took on the task of presiding over the board when PlayWrite was honing its egg-tooth, preparing to break out into the wide world beyond. For 2 ½ years Renée advised and counseled and took responsibility, and was a huge part of bringing PlayWrite to where we are today. In



Participants in the Centennial Learning Center's musical performances take their bow.

members, as well as to each PlayWrite board member who worked to achieve such a great response.

The Maybelle Clark Macdonald Fund challenge extends for the next

February she passed the Presidential baton to dynamo Kimberly Agnew in a seamless transition. Renée will continue her stellar service as Vice President... Bravo!

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Performances and Other Information

PlayWrite's performance venues vary in size, but we very much want our supporters to see the work that is created. Please check our website (www.playwriteinc.org) for schedule and location information. You can also receive information about

performances and other PlayWrite updates by sending your email address to: bruce@playwriteinc.org. Of course, the July 9th event at the Gerding Theater will offer a stunning venue for your viewing pleasure.

Community & Media Attention

October's PlayWrite workshop will air on OPB's Oregon Art Beat. The program is slated to air Thursday, June 28th, at 8:00 p.m., repeating the following Sunday, July 1st, at 6:00 p.m.

About a year ago, Margot Voorhies Thompson (creator of the PlayWrite logo!) introduced Jessica Martin, a Senior Producer at OPB, to PlayWrite. Jessica and her crew came to the workshop at Mt. Scott Learning Center, where they filmed for four days. The kids and coaches were pretty nervous as first, but the film crew was impeccably professional, and everyone soon carried on as though nothing out of the ordinary was happening.



Nefertari Bell, pictured during PlayWrite Workshop at Mt Scott Learning Center.

“Thank you soooooo much for the great experience of working with you guys. You guys could turn a school year right side up because you're so welcoming and don't give up on people that some have no hope for. Some people don't think they could create such a good play but you give people hope to try. Thank you! Hope to see you in the future showing off the talent you helped me learn I had!”

~Nefertari Bell, Student Mt. Scott Learning Center

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In the busy performance space at Centennial Learning Center, Board President Kimberly Agnew, Bruce Livingston, and PlayWrite Underwriter Charlotte Schwartz discuss the highlights of the day's presentations.

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many, we say bravo and thank you!
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Kristin Steele, and Mabsie Walters.

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PlayWrite World Premiere

Gerding Theater Main Stage
July 9th
7:30 pm

128 NW Eleventh Avenue

An evening of plays and songs written
by PlayWrite graduates.

Please mark your calendar!

Invitations will be sent later this spring.