

WOMEN PLAYWRIGHTS SERIES 2010

Women Playwrights Converge on Hackettstown in Festival of New Plays Women Playwrights Series- April 21-25, 2010

The annual Centenary Stage Company Women Playwrights Series returns to Hackettstown this month with a non-stop line-up of new plays, discussions, a narrated tour and a writing class, with activities each day from Wed., April 21 through Sunday, April 25 in Hackettstown.

This year's festival of plays features the finalists in the Centenary Stage Company Susan Glaspell contest, which offers the winner further development support worth \$30,000 in a full production on the CSC professional Equity main-stage, as well as a cash payment to the author.

Festival Events

Mastodon Tour

Wed., April 21, 2010 / Leaves at 4:30pm

A narrated tour of the site where the "Harvard Mastodon" was discovered in the swamps north of Hackettstown in the mid- 19th century.

2nd Annual Performance- The Mastodon Project

Wed., April 21 / 7:30pm

This year's festival will also include the 2nd annual "Mastodon Project" which will begin with a narrated tour of the site where the "Harvard Mastodon" was discovered in the swamps north of Hackettstown in the mid-19th century. The Mastodon Tour will be followed by an evening of short plays inspired by "anything-mastodon", on Wed., April 21, beginning at 7:30pm.

Mastodon Short Plays:

- *The Mastodon Play* or *Three Extinctions* by Carolyn Kras
- *I Didn't Want a Mastodon* by Halley Feiffer
- *The Sign* by Eleanor Kennedy

Play Readings

This year's finalists include:

***Confessions of a Reluctant Caregiver* By Merri Biechler**

Thurs., April 22 / 7:30pm

The play is about a young woman who returns from her acting career in L.A. to care for her ailing father, who has developed a growing fascination with the Sci-Fi Channel and wants nothing more than a chance to meet Courtney Cox. "Confessions..." will be presented on Thursday, April 22 at 7:30pm.

***The Unfortunates* By Aoise Stratford**

Fri., April 23 / 7:30pm

An inside glimpse into the streets of 19th century London, when Jack the Ripper prowled the night is the stuff of Aoise Stratford's new play *The Unfortunates* which will be presented Friday, April 23 at 7:30pm.

***How to Pray* By Michelle Carter**

Sat., April 24 / 7:30pm

When Faith agrees to be a surrogate for her brother and his wife, she couldn't possibly have imagined what would happen next, in San Francisco playwright Michelle Carter's *How to Pray*, which will be presented on Saturday, April 24 at 7:30pm.

***Land Warrior* By Mary Humphrey Baldrige**

Sun., April 25 / 2:30pm

The Iraq war and its ghosts come home with Lt Andy Cirko in Mary Humphrey Baldrige's "Land Warrior", which will be presented on Sunday, April 25 at 2:30pm.