



Downtown Cabaret Theatre Presents the Third Annual Bridgeport PLAYATHON

Short plays to be written, cast, rehearsed and performed in the course of a 26-hour PLAYATHON
Public Performance Sat June 4th, 2016 @ 8pm at University of Bridgeport

Downtown Cabaret Main Stage Theatre (Producing Artistic Director, Eli Newsom) concludes its 2015/16 season with a presentation of new 10-minute plays to be written, cast, rehearsed and performed in the course of a 26-hour PLAYATHON. A group of pre-selected writers, directors, and actors will assemble Friday evening, June 3 to meet and greet one another. A theme will be revealed and role types determined based on the actors present. The playwrights will then, overnight, each sit down to create a new work around that theme and the role types.

Beginning early the next morning, the actors and directors will return to the theater for an intensive day of rehearsal leading up to a presentation of the works that very evening. As an extra challenge, the writers and directors will have three recurring/shared requirements: (1) implementing a recurring prop (for example, an *extension cord* that must appear in each of the plays), (2) a recurring 'acting prompt' (for example, "each script must include an actor delivering an insincere compliment to another actor"), and (3) a 'recurring line' (for example, "each script must contain the line 'You know I get like this sometimes'").

The performance is open to the public and will take place at 8pm Saturday evening, June 4, at the University of Bridgeport Arnold Bernhard Arts & Humanities Center, 84 Iranistan Ave. in Bridgeport (free parking lot). General Admission seating will begin at 7:30pm. Similar to other events of this nature, the performance will be presented with minimal scenery, costumes, and technical elements.

The cast of the 2016 PLAYATHON features local actors Brian Alvarado, Zoe Bebon, Arielle Boutin, Audrey Burns, Christian Cardozo, Cindy Cardozo, Emma Cenholt-Haulund, Abby Sara Dahan, Lisa Dahlstrom, Lisa Deangelis, Roger Dykeman, Nicholas Ferreira, Mike Katz, Everton Ricketts, Cynthia Rivera, Brooke Robinson, Kellen Schultz, John Stegmaier, Qesar Veliu, and Erin Williams.

The writers and directors include: John Atkin, Brian Bish, Chelsea Dacey, Chris Gensur, Will Jeffries, Lauren Linn, Tondrea Mabins, Christy McIntosh-Newsom, T Sean Maher, Kevin McNair, Jason Parry, Kevin Pelkey, John Stegmaier, and Clay Zambo & Robby Sandler. Other production staff includes Eli Newsom (Producing Artistic Director), Steve Benko (Associate Producer), Emily Seibert (Stage Manager), and Sydney Sirkin (Assistant Stage Manager).

All tickets are \$15 and support the non-profit Downtown Cabaret Theatre (general

admission, no advance ticket sales). All ages are welcome, however the recommended age is 13+ for this event. Seating will be general admission and tickets are only available at the door (cash/check).

The production concludes the 40th Anniversary season of the Downtown Cabaret Theatre organization, led by Executive Producer Hugh Hallinan. DCT's 2015/16 Main Stage season has included MEMPHIS, THE ROCKY HORROR PICTURE SHOW EXPERIENCE, CHESS IN CONCERT, FIDDLER ON THE ROOF, THE GREAT GATSBY, EVITA, and GREEN DAY'S AMERICAN IDIOT. For more information visit **MyCabaret.org**