

*The Dubuque Fine Arts Players*

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**Winners of our 23th Annual  
National One-Act Playwriting Contest**

Friday August 18, and Saturday August 19, 2000

7:00 pm

Hoffman Hall, Loras College

Sponsored by The Dubuque County Fine Arts Society  
and Loras College

*Our First Place Play*

**This Is Where I Left Him**

Written by C. P. "Chris" Stancich (Gig Harbor, WA)  
Directed by Devin Standard Shallow

**Cast:**

Belle	Michele McKinlay
Steven	Devin Standard Shallow
Esther	Deborah Lazar
Linda	Sara Jo Pothoff
Maxwell	Michael J. Anderson

**Setting:**

White Pine Heights Cemetery

**Director's Note:**

The aspect of "This Is Where I Left Him" that especially appealed to me has to be how it deals with two different kinds of people: wanderers and homebodies. In my life, I have met and had close relations with both types. Each type is fascinating in his or her own special way. This is the only play I have ever read that dealt with this side of human nature.

**Ten-Minute Intermission**

*Our Second Prize Play*

**Fly in a Circle**

Written by Don Monaco (Nyoda, NY)  
Directed by Molly Huerta Hoefflin

**Cast:**

Papa Paul	Peter Healey
Anna	Adrienne Elise Sula
Dr. John/ Dr. Harper	Terry Lee Hoefflin
Isaac Korn/ Frank Manucci	Kurt M. Ehlers
Customer/ Kevin Conroy	John Molseed

**Settings:** Several locations from the early 20<sup>th</sup> Century to the present. Anna and Papa Paul's homes, Dr. Harper's house, Papa Paul's barbershop, Korn's dress shop.

**Director's Note:**

The theme in "Fly in a Circle" was the deciding factor in why I wanted to direct this play. It is not often a play makes you realize the absense of your own past and the unanswered questions you are forced to live with when all who could answer them have taken the knowledge and left you a jigsaw history that you can never fully piece together. We have to trust their reasons for silence.

**Ten-Minute Intermission**

## *Our Third Prize Play*

### **Soldier's Heart**

Written by Pam Kress (Dubuque IA)

Directed by Jennifer Maki

### **Cast:**

Andrew Kenyon      Robert "Lucky" Dement  
Dana Sullivan      Melinda Titus

### **Setting:**

The living room of Dana Sullivan

**Director's Note:** Tonight I invite you on a journey with two people that you know well. They may be your neighbors or family or the next person you are going to meet. What do they have in common? The power to persevere in the face of the storm... no matter what the odds. There are millions of battles waged daily in far off fields and our own hearts that make it hard to sleep at night. Life's challenges bring out our honor and valor... the stuff of heroes. Tonight, as we experience someone else's journey, I pray you find that hero in yourself. Thank you for coming.

Following each night's performances there will be an audience discussion of the evening's plays.

## **Our Actors and Directors**

Michael J. Anderson's regular role is that of a history professor at Clarke College, a role he has occupied for ten years. For nearly as long he has been involved with the One Act Plays in a variety of ways, from publicity and production to the occasional stint on stage. He would like to dedicate his work this year to Risa, the love of his life.

Robert F. (Lucky) Dement: My girlfriend Lisa Steinle got me started in theatre by recruiting me to do props and set work for the plays she was involved with. I have worked with both Fly By Night and Galena Art Theatre. I was the puppeteer for the Audrey 2 plant in "Little Shop of Horrors." My job as Massage Therapist helped me with the physical aspects of the performance.

Kurt Ehlers is quickly becoming a veteran of the stage. He was last seen in the Galena Art Theater's production of "Moon Over Buffalo" and "Little Shop of Horrors." Kurt is a CPA for TFM Company as well as co-owner-performer of the Exxtreme Karaoke Service.

Peter Healey has a BA in Theater from Clarke College, He has performed at the Kennedy Center in Washington DC with the U. of Iowa's original production of "Najinsky." He has been a script reader for DFAP and directed "1235 Mulberry Lane." He also performs with Fly By Night.

Molly Huerta Hoefflin resides with husband Terry and cat and critic Parker. She is the mascot of this production. Molly works with Die Laughing Mystery Players and can be found at Kepharts Music Center.

Terry Lee Hoefflin is delighted to work with his wife and found it wonderful to work with old friends and new. This production has filled out a busy summer driving the Bookmobile for the Dubuque County Library and acting for the Die Laughing Mystery Players.

Deborah Lazar is excited about her debut with DFAP. She has worked with Galena's Main Street Players and would like to thank her children Meadow and Noah and friends for all their encouragement. Special thanks to Devin and Janice (they know why).

Jennifer L. Maki received her B.A. from the U. of Minnesota in Duluth. She has been in several productions including "Where Were You on Your Ninth Birthday," "And Mrs. Reardon Drinks a Little." This is her second directing project. She is also on the Galena Art Theater's Playreading Chair.

Michele McKinlay enjoyed exploring the nuances of her character, Belle. She says, "I hope I have her energy when I am her age." She has appeared in three productions this year including "Picasso at the Lapin Agile." Special thanks to her daughter Daisy!

John Molseed has performed with Fly By Night Productions in which he exercised his French accent. Now, he thanks Molly

for the opportunity to use his Irish accent. When not in the big picture, he's taking them for KFXB – Fox 40.

Sara Jo Pothoff appeared in one of last year's one act winners, "I'm Zsa Zsa. She has also acted for Fly By Night, the Galena Art Theater, and Die Laughing Productions. Sara would like to thank everyone who has helped and supported her.

Devin Standard Shallow is from Portland OR but now calls Dubuque his home. This is the first time Devin has directed and acted in the same show. He has appeared in Fly By Night productions and was awarded Best Student Director (runner-up) in the 1997 LCC High School One-Act Festival. He received a two-year full ride scholarship to Lower Columbia College. Devin wants to thank his hard-working cast.

Adrienne Sula is a junior at Loras, majoring in theatre and psychology. She has been involved with theatre since she was a child and has appeared in "The Good Doctor" and "The Foreigner." The role of Anna in "Fly in a Circle" has been especially interesting and challenging for her.

Melinda Titus made her first appearance for DFAP in "Souvenir," last year's contest winner. Melinda acts for Fly By Night Productions and serves on their Artistic Board. Offstage, she is a decorator and the mother of two wonderful children.

**Script Readers 1999-2000:** Mike and Risa Anderson, Gary Arms, Mary Auman, Eda Bower, Amy Boynton, Kay Buelow, Paula Carlson, Jean Cheever, Terry Cicciarelli, Keith Cook, Nan Corken, John Fitz, Tommy and Lisa Haggis, Barb Halvorsen, Jill Hamilton, Audrey Hammer, Ruth Hartig, Emily Kearns, Sharon Kress, Dr. Yasyn Lee, Sue Mahalik, Jennifer Maki, Kris Mohr, Kirt Murray, Dr. James Mylrea, Jane Mylrea, Charles Naylor, Jan Oswald, Sue Purcell, Ron Richie, Pat Rimmer, Art Roche, Sally Ryan, Jennie Stabenow, Sue Steininger, Melinda Titus, Marilyn Tomarro, Diane Wegman, Jan Wortinger, & Marcia Young

**2000 Final Judges:** Gary Arms (Clarke College), Lenore Howard (Fly By Night Theatrics), Devin Standard Shallow (Director), Molly Huerta-Hoefflin (Director), Jennifer Maki (Director)

**Special Thanks:** Brannon Monuments, The McKinlay Family, Daisy McKinlay, Frank and Joan Belcastro, Gene and Lorna Hoefflin, Sue Lynch Huerta, Alanna Steininger, Dr. Thad Smith, Jeff Dyer, Dr. Terry Eckhart, Deanne George, Megan Shumacher and Clarke College, St. John Lutheran, St. Matthew Lutheran, Jean Seeley, Parker the Cat

**Production Team:**

Technical Director/Stage Manager: Tracey Richardson

Lightboard Operator: Bridget Walsworth

Stagehands: Gary Arms, Phil Dansart, Mike Anderson

Box Office: Paula Carlson

Ushers: Tom and Rachel Riley, Emily Kearns