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PITTSBURGH NEW WORKS FESTIVAL PRESENTS WEEK TWO

World Premieres Feature Blind Dates and International Internet Connections

PITTSBURGH – Sept. 8, 2010 – The Pittsburgh New Works Festival continues its 20th season with a second week of new one-act plays from Thursday, Sept. 16, through Sunday, Sept. 19, at the Father Ryan Arts Center in McKees Rocks.

In "Fetish," a blind date set up on the Internet between two people with foot fetishes (played by Justin Mohr and Allison Fatla) leads to lies, revelations, sorrows, and an unlikely connection. The play was written by Joseph Talarico of Squirrel Hill, produced by the Red Masquers, and directed by Jacob George.

"Bread" portrays a man from an economically depressed area of Pennsylvania and another who lives in war-ravaged Baghdad. They communicate via the Internet and discover they have more in common than just the tiny bakeries they both are struggling to manage. The play was written by Randy Gross of Enola, Pa., and is produced by McKeesport Little Theater. Chuck Penick directs Robert O'Toole, Bruce E. Travers, Ryan Baker, Emily Cordes, and Mike McCarthy.

In "Sex with a Mathematician," by Pete Barry of Easton, Pa., two mathematical savants engage in a battle of wits on a torturous and highly improbable blind date. Sara Fisher, Andy Coleman, and Chelsea Forbes are directed by lance-eric skapura for Thoreau, NM - A Production Company.

The three plays will be presented Thursday, Sept. 16, at 8 pm; Friday, Sept. 17, at 8 pm; Saturday, Sept. 18, at 5 pm and 8 pm; and Sunday, Sept. 19, at 2 pm. After each Thursday evening performance, PNWF cordially invites audience members to join cast, crew, playwrights, and the board at parties known as Mingles.

About PNWF

The Pittsburgh New Works Festival is dedicated to encouraging the development of new plays. During its 20th season, PNWF will present original one-act plays for four consecutive weekends, Sept. 9 through Oct. 3, at Father Ryan Arts Center in McKees Rocks. Plays are produced by local theater companies. Tickets are available via ProArts, 412-394-3353 or www.proartstickets.org.

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