

Date. 8/3/2008

Time. 7:00pm

Location. Dramatist Guild Office

In attendance: Tim Errickson, Boomerang; Rich Orloff, Foolish Theatre Company, Jim Horton, Castillo Theatre; Daniel Talbott, Rising Phoenix Rep; Stephanie Cox-Williams, Nosedive Productions; Abby Marcus, Vampire Cowboys & Litny; Pete Boisvert, Nosedive productions; Julie Halpern, Loves Street; Nadine Friedman, Stone Soup Theatre Arts, and Amanda Berkowitz, CollaborationTown & the Lark Play Development Center

1st - We summed up the 2nd Convocation.

* The League of Independent Theatres formed and are taking charter members - see their website www.litny.com for details.

**Membership is open to companies and individuals!

* The League will focus on advocacy for this community!

* Through the League one should get involved and take part in TCG's FREE NIGHT OF THEATRE NYC. Here are the basic details: <http://www.tcg.org/events/freenight/2008/2008Faq.cfm>

Email Jennifer Conley Darling @ Jennifer@terranovalcollective.org.

The main question the night was: What should the DISH's role be in a world with the League of Independent Theatres, Theatre Resources Unlimited, NY Innovative Theatre Foundation, and the Independent Producers Alliance? How does the Dish improve and grow with all of this new excitement in the Off-Off Theatre Movement?

Some thoughts were:

1 - Make the DISH the social networking/internal communications piece of the oob world. This means more social events/parties and we should work to beef-up attendance at meetings!! Leaving advocacy to litny, publicity to martin denton, marketing to ipa, and educational seminars to tru.

*Although we'd be happy to help work with these organizations on their very important oob roles!!

2 - Improve our website, perhaps create a forum for the most commonly talked about 20 topics where people can leave testimonial. Also there MUST be a calendar of events and a list of members with their profiles and links to their websites.

3 - A day of Auditions/Interviews with designers/actors.

4 - Re-instate the final dress rehearsal invite to fellow DISH members.

5 - Possibly switch to google groups from yahoo groups.

Action Steps to be taken:

1 - Amanda, Pete, and Tim will work to re-invent a website, where members will be able to update their own content.

2 - Daniel Talbot will talk to the folks at Jimmy #43 about having our first social night on Friday, October 24th from 9:00pm - 1:00am. We're thinking of having beer ice cream floats!!

3 - The next Dish meeting was set for Sunday, September 21st @ 7pm, location TBA. If you want to be involved in these conversations, you should definitely attend!!!

4 - If you have a show that has a final dress that you'd like attended, put it on the listserv. We are your best word of mouth!!!

UPCOMING....

Boomerang.

As You Like It is playing in Central Park. There are 2 more performances this Saturday & Sunday @ 2pm. Their 3 plays in rep season has been chosen (see their website for details).

Love Street.

Julie wrote a play called SHINING DAYS that she'll probably self produce shortly. It sounds very cool.

Foolish Theatre Company.

Is producing Rich's show FUNNY AS A CRUTCH this upcoming November back from a 3 year hiatus. Details to follow, in the meantime if you have experience fundraising for other causes at your performances contact him.

Plus Little Hibiscus Productions is doing a reading of Rich's play GUY STUFF this Sunday, Aug. 10th @ 3pm.

Castillo.

The air conditioning is fixed and Castillo is back home!! Castillo brought in a beautiful season brochure. There's no way to sum it up so just check out their website: <http://castillo.org/castillotheatre.html> And check out their improv troupe doing THIS IS YOUR RIDICULOUS LIFE. They have a performance this Sat. @ 7pm and more shows in October.

Nosedive Productions.

Has a benefit coming up to pay for their upcoming annual BLOOD BROTHERS show.

Vampire Cowboys.

They will be producing Soul Samurai this season.

Enroll in the Rabid Vampire Cowboys Stage Combat Course starting on Sept. 21st.

Come to their Saturday Night Salon Series kicking off on September 6th.
Also they rent cheap space in Brooklyn. \$10/hour off the L Morgan stop.

CollaborationTown.

Is working on a new play by Jordan Seavey titled THE TRUTH WILL OUT.

Lark Play Development Center

Is producing a new play reading festival Sept. 22nd - 28th. See the website www.larktheatre.org. Steven Gridley of Spring Theatre Works has a play in the festival!

Rising Phoenix Rep.

Is producing TOO MUCH MEMORY in the Fringe.
Daniel Talbott is directing THE UMBRELLA PLAYS in the Fringe.

Stone Soup.

has a show upcoming show in the Philly Fringe, titled THE MAGUFFIN. For more information see their website: www.stonesoupkitchen.org or www.pafringe.com.