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CITY THEATRE ANNOUNCES 2011 YOUNG PLAYWRIGHTS

***Six Talented Student Playwrights from Western Pennsylvania
to Receive Professional Productions at City Theatre***

***12th Annual Young Playwrights Festival
September 26–October 6, 2011***

PITTSBURGH, PA (July 6, 2011)—**City Theatre** has announced the **2011 Young Playwrights**, six talented middle school and high school students from the region who will receive professional productions of their one-act plays at City Theatre. The **12th Annual Young Playwrights Festival** will run **September 26–October 6, 2011** on City Theatre’s Lester Hamburg Studio Stage. The Festival features six exciting and imaginative new one-act plays selected from submissions to the **2011 Young Playwrights Contest**. Students from middle and high schools in western Pennsylvania were eligible to submit.

City Theatre’s 2011 Young Playwrights Contest received more than 200 submissions. Each script was read by at least three members of the Literary Committee, comprised of theatre professionals across the nation, who also provided each writer with constructive feedback. City Theatre’s senior artistic staff made the final selections.

“We’re thrilled about this year’s plays,” says **Kristen Link**, City Theatre’s **Director of Education & Accessibility**. “We received some of the most charming and thought-provoking plays in the history of the Young Playwrights Contest. Our six winners receiving productions span a range of worlds and styles, from the historic trenches of World War I, to a mixture of real and magical in a rural mining community, to a futuristic military interrogation chamber, to a comic quest for love by a determined little pig down on the farm. I can’t wait to see actors bring these imaginative stories to life.”

The following six plays will receive productions at City Theatre’s 12th Annual Young Playwrights Festival:

Middle School Plays

Merry Christmas

by Clara Dregalla

Pittsburgh Creative and Performing Arts School

Pink Bellied Lovin'

by Isaac Monroe

Pittsburgh Creative and Performing Arts School

The Show Must Go On

by Rebecca Enright

Keystone Oaks Middle School

High School Plays

Crime and Crime Again

by Abigail Hawkins

Pittsburgh Creative and Performing Arts School

His Final Goodbye

by Emily Engle-Young

West Greene Middle-Senior High School

A Cradle of Beliefs

by Lana Meyer

Carlynton High School

The full schedule for the 2011 Young Playwrights Festival will be announced in August. Tickets will go on sale in September.

City Theatre Young Playwrights is a comprehensive, dynamic approach to arts education serving teachers, students, and the Pittsburgh community. The program fulfills state academic standards, including Arts & Humanities and Reading, Writing, Speaking, & Listening. Four major components make up the Young Playwrights program: the Young Playwrights Teacher Institute, In-School Workshops, the Young Playwrights Contest, and the Young Playwrights Festival.

City Theatre, located on Pittsburgh's historic South Side, specializes in contemporary and new plays and has brought to Pittsburgh playwrights such as Adam Rapp, Christopher Durang, and Jeffrey Hatcher. Under the leadership of Artistic Director Tracy Brigden, Managing Director Mark R. Power, and a 45-member Board of Directors, City Theatre's mission is to provide an artistic home for the development and production of contemporary plays of substance and ideas that engage and challenge a diverse audience. www.citytheatrecompany.org

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