# CELEBRATING THIRTY YEARS OF NEW VOICES: A PRODUCER'S PORTFOLIO

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# Abstract

CELEBRATING THIRTY YEARS OF NEW VOICES presents my work as Executive Producer of New Voices 30, the nation's longest continuously running collegiate original play festival, produced annually at WPI. In 2012, WPI Masque staged eight plays with subjects ranging from death and loss to dogs and zombies. This report describes how I and my staff of student designers, directors, actors, and crews, produced the "sold out" festival from start to finish.

## Background

## **Previous Work in Theatre At WPI**

I have always accepted theatre as a sort of natural part of life. My sister, who shares my love of theatre, and I would put on shows for my parents every other week when we were young. Whenever we read a play out loud at school my hand shot up for whichever character had the most lines. When the time came for my first school play, someone expressed their surprise that I was auditioning because I was usually a very quiet student. My response was, "Of course I am! Aren't you?" I just assumed everyone wanted to act at every opportunity, since that was what I wanted! I truly didn't think stage fright existed for a long time, and was confused why some people were nervous before productions. After doing a lot of theatre in middle and high school, I extensively researched the WPI Theatre program before coming. Indeed, it helped give the extra push when I was deciding where to go for college.



Lead or cameo, I made sure the audience wouldn't forget me.

Starting A-term my freshman year with the play *Bower Bird A.K.A. Crazies in Love*, I was cast in the role of Dr. Mona Gerard, a sarcastic psychiatrist helping the main character, Katina (played by Anika Blodgett) through her relationship problems. Being a hambone at heart, I was pleasantly surprised to received a sizeable role for my first play in college. I had a great time formulating and performing her character, drawing inspiration from the dry humor of Hugh Laurie's character on *House MD*.



Dr. Mona Gerard in her office.

I took a term away from theatre that B-Term since I was surprised by how much time it had taken out of my schedule. I needed a break to assess if it was something I wanted to continue doing while pursuing my Interactive Media and Game Development major. I tried out the following C-Term in the Masque production and was cast as the lead in *Daisy Crockett: Frontiersperson! Or Be Sure You're Right and Go Ahead*. In the play, Daisy was the sister of Davy Crockett and the author of his fantastical adventures.

She gets carried off to the big city by investors and receives quite a shock to learn that her brother has been killed while she was away. Daisy was an interesting character to play. She was bright-eyed and hopeful but also had to have a no-nonsense sensibility about her. The sudden twist at the end always brought me close to tears. I felt that I melded a lot with her character over the course of the production.



Daisy Crockett and her "sister" Ida Clare stuck together through it all.

Participating in *Daisy* also opened my eyes to the more technical aspects of theatre as I began socializing with more people in the WPI theatre community. Sometimes I think the line between acting and technical theatre is never blurred for some people, and I truly think both sides are missing out. For example, I found it shocking and humorous that techies stereotyped actors as being ignorant and

egotistical, which in retrospect, perhaps holds some weight. On the contrary, I had always assumed techies were sad to be backstage because they didn't get the glory of the limelight, but that assumption could not be further from the truth. Techies want nothing to do with the limelight, unless they are hanging and focusing it. Rather than putting themselves onstage, they are putting their work and artistic vision onstage, via lights, sound, projections, wardrobe, makeup, scenic design, et cetera. These were all important aspects of the production that I had largely ignored until that point.

In D-Term of 2009, I got to participate in *New Voices 27*. I decided to venture out of the limelight and into the inner workings of the production a bit more by taking on the role of an assistant director under Michael Hyde. The play we were directing was *A Spy in Size 4's* by Nicholas Bebel. It was a play about an elementary school private investigator, set in a humorous "film noir" style. Here I was able to find out more about what goes into the making of a play as I worked closely with the stage manager and designers to realize the vision that Mike and I had for the play. From the lights to the sounds to the terrifying Lamb Chop puppet that appeared at the end of the play, every detail had to be put together by members of the production staff, and I took note of all of the people coming together to make our play happen.



I was very pleased with the lighting for this scene in A Spy In Size 4's.

Towards the beginning of *NV27*, I heard that they were going to be painting the theatre floor one night so I decided to come and help out. The paint crew/general production staff seemed surprised to see an assistant director showing up to help, but it turned out to be a lot of fun and I got to know a lot more about the different production positions and what they did. I was surprised to learn that this *New Voices* in particular was actually a student's MQP, and that a double major in theatre was actually quite feasible with my class schedule. It was then that I decided to pursue theatre as a second major.

In A-Term 2009, I was asked to be the props and wardrobe manager for *Where There's Smoke, There's Fire* after the producer, Victoria Valencia, had learned of my love for creating costume designs. This was my first real production position, and I quickly accumulated a few more as the show drew close. I

was asked to design the poster as well, a job that I later repeated several times throughout my theatrical career at WPI. I also wound up assisting the run crew. I remember one point during production week when three different people were calling my name, each to ask me something different. It was then that I realized that I really enjoyed tech work, and that it felt just as important to be backstage as it did to be onstage.



*I became the graphic and wardrobe designer for* Where There's Smoke There's Fire.

B-Term 2009 was very busy. Masque was doing a production of Arthur Miller's *The Crucible*, and once again I was the wardrobe manager and poster designer. I was also getting inducted into Alpha Psi Omega, the theatre honor fraternity. The vision for the show was to step away from the traditional Puritan garb and go for a more *Mad Men*, 1950s look. After all, while based on true events, *The Crucible* was written as an allegory for the McCarthy Era. I found myself helping the production in a multitude of ways, helping at light hang and painting the set, alongside my official production positions. Though I had tried out for a role, I warned the director that I had already taken on a few production positions and I was likely to be busy that term. I wasn't cast, but for the first time, it really didn't bother me that much. I was too involved backstage to worry about what was going on onstage. In fact, by the time I finally saw the play come together on opening night, I had almost forgotten that this was what the play was about: the actors portraying a story.



The cast and 1950s inspired wardrobe design for the Crucible.

In C-Term 2010, after realizing I missed acting, I tried out and was cast as Sally VanViller, the wealthy ingénue in the murder mystery *Any Number Can Die. Any Number* was delightfully campy and the production staff was determined to enforce that aspect in every detail of the play's spectacle. The set was the most notable aspect of the production, the full interior of a house, complete with hidden panels and compartments for the murderer to spy through and stash victims in. I was the poster designer for this play as well, and kept up with the production side of things as well as the artistic, acting side of the play. I helped build the set, which took hours upon hours of staining, cutting and stapling wood. I also painted the two portraits that swung out to reveal peep holes. Trying to do things for both sides of the production admittedly ran me somewhat ragged by the time production week rolled around, but I think that was really due to the size and caliber of the set we were trying to build. *Any Number* taught me the most out of all the previous productions about what it takes to bring a huge play from start to finish in less than seven weeks. Andrew Wilkins, the producer, taught me a lot about running meetings quickly and efficiently and keeping everyone in constant communication. I kept this experience in mind for future productions.



#### The cast and set of Any Number Can Die.

#### **Assistant Producer of New Voices 28**

In D-Term 2010, I expressed interest in producing *New Voices 28* when it seemed like no one was stepping up to the plate. Feeling that I was still a little too green behind the ears, Susan Vick, the founder of *New Voices*, paired me with alum Corey Randall. Corey became the Executive Producer of *New Voices 28* and took me on as an assistant to teach me the ropes on how to bring *New Voices* from start to finish. This was the experience that would ultimately prepare me for producing *New Voices 30*.

Corey showed me that the two most important things a producer could do was 1) budget for crunch time in a production schedule and 2) be selective with the production staff. We drew up the schedule in February, using Corey's previous knowledge of the festival and stage management to make judgment calls about where we should set deadlines. (See **Appendix W**: **New Voices 28 Schedule**.) We assembled our production staff in January/February so that once we hit spring break we would be well prepared to enter auditions. It's also worth noting that Victoria Valencia was the Mentor to Stage Managers and was in charge of selecting and preparing the Festival Stage Managers. Since the FSMs were running auditions, we made sure to get them first.

We also designed the set during this time. *New Voices 27* had a sort of consistent theme in the colorful nautilus shell on the floor and on the poster. Corey and I liked the idea of a theme and wanted to have something that would tie the whole play together. We were also encouraged to use pieces from the previous show's set (in this case, *Rabbit Hole* as put on by M.W. Rep) to construct our own. After consulting with Felipe Polido, the master carpenter, and Tristan Spoor, the lighting designer, we were able to come up with a black-and-white art deco set with pink accents.



Corey Randall, executive producer of New Voices 28, amidst the art deco set.

Auditions kicked off the start of *New Voices 28* on March 14th, 2010. For auditions, we had an electronic PDF on a computer in the LT Green Room where actors could input their contact information, their preference for role, what they were comfortable portraying onstage and their availability. Once filled out, the PDF was saved by an FSM downstairs and stored in a database. When it was time for someone to audition, an FSM would run up the stairs and let everyone in the theatre know that Person X was next. Then the FSM upstairs would pull up their audition sheet PDF on a large projector screen in front of all the directors and stage managers. The directors would have a few minutes to review the sheet, and then one of the FSMs would send up the auditionee.

*New Voices 28* used Microsoft Sharepoint as our electronic contact point for all members of the production, though in general the production staff agreed the software was cumbersome for trying to

organize a production. On Sharepoint we were able to store our calendars (one for production events, one for the Alden Green Room schedule, and one for the Little Theatre schedule), designs, scripts, audition sheets, cast lists, et cetera. Each show had their own "page" on Sharepoint where directors and stage managers could post notifications and other important information for their casts.

We had planned for a Tech Showcase day halfway between auditions and the show, where tech could show off the light areas/sounds/set pieces that they had implemented at that point to the directors. Unfortunately, this largely fell through as it was so early in the production that lights were unable to be hung, focused and programmed by the time the Tech Showcase rolled around. Cue-To-Cue was held the Sunday of production week and ran from noon to 8pm, with each show getting plenty of time to run their show at least twice for their specific tech call.

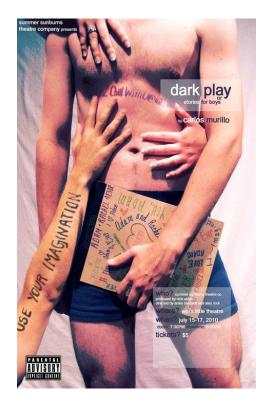
Once we hit opening night however, *New Voices 28* went off without a hitch. It was a wonderful festival to be a part of (I even got to act again), and a great learning experience for me as I soaked up all that Corey had shown me.



Nick Alden, Tofer Carlson and I as Kurt Dangerous/Dangereux, Lumberknight and Emily Harper in the original production of Lumberknight: The Francophone Protocol during New Voices 28.

## 2010 to Present

After *New Voices 28*, the summer show rolled around and I tried out again. I was cast in *Dark Play or Stories for Boys* as an invented persona of an FBI investigator named Olivia. *Dark Play* was a very grim show with tints of humor about a bored, sociopathic, brilliant teenager named Nick who created multiple online personas to manipulate a boy named Adam into liking an invented female persona. The story escalates as his lie spirals out of control and my character (another invention of Nick's) came in to convince Adam to kill Nick on behalf of the "FBI". Olivia is still probably my favorite role because of the grim intensity that I had to portray for her character, where previously I had portrayed many lighthearted or comedic characters. It was around this time my secret grudge against dramatic plays began to wear off and I started to get ideas for the play I would eventually write for *New Voices 30*.



*I was also the graphic designer for* Dark Play.

In A-Term 2010 I went on to co-direct Rolin Jones' *Shortstack*, a series of short and bizarre, nigh unstageable plays. *Shortstack* was a fun project. When faced with issues like "how do we get two people to ski down a mountain in the Little Theatre?" and "Where are we going to get two giant possum costumes?" we were able to get creative and have fun with the spectacle of the play. *Shortstack* helped me realize that a set, while it can contribute a lot to a play, is largely secondary to the action onstage.



Another "unstageable" moment in Shortstack: a sudden badminton match that had to get increasingly "extreme".

In B-Term 2010, I kept with the "minimal set" idea when I was asked to design the set for *Six Characters In Search of An Author*. Minimal might not be the best word to use however, since the amount of painting that went into the design was great indeed. I was inspired by Salvador Dali's surrealism, and saw *Six Characters* as a surreal play in and of itself. In the play, fictional characters interrupt a play in progress to look for an author to write their tragic but disjointed story. The lines between reality and fiction are blurred up until the final moment when the audience is left guessing if they were real people or not.

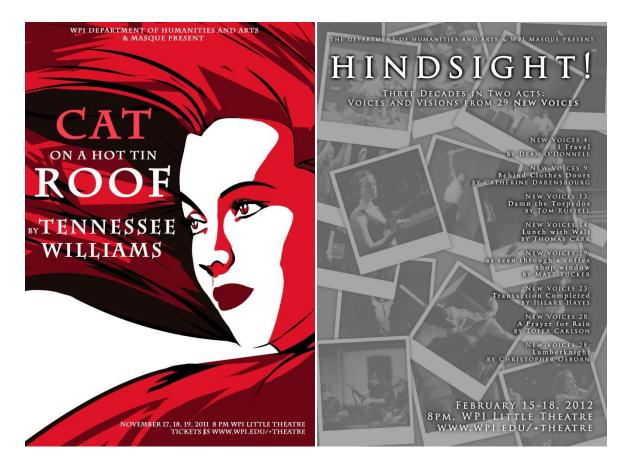


The Six Characters set took many gallons of paint and many helpers from the B-Term theatre class.

The next few terms I had to take a break from theatre. My PQP class preparing me to go to Australia for IQP proved to be extremely time consuming, and the following D-Term I was shipped off Down Under to complete my IQP. As a result, I missed *New Voices 29*, much to my own dismay.

For the 2011-2012 school year, I mainly stuck to graphic design work for theatre since my schooling had finally caught up with me and I started an internship at a game company. I also knew working hard for the majority of the year would leave me with enough free to dedicate my time to *New Voices 30* as fully as the festival requires for it to be successful.





My graphic design work in 2011 was some of my favorite overall.

It's worth noting that the C-Term before *New Voices 30*, Masque held a production called *Hindsight!*, which was an encore performance of the best plays in the three decades of *New Voices* history as voted on by *New Voices* alums. By bringing together old and new alumni and reminding us of *New Voices'* long history, *Hindsight!* would ultimately set the stage for the celebration of *New Voices 30*.

## Methodology

## **Play Announcements and Planning**

The eight plays picked for *New Voices 30* were announced on February 17th at 5pm in the Little Theatre. These plays were picked by the Executive Dramaturg Susan Vick and her Selecting Dramaturgs: Rick Desilets, Professor Dean O'Donnell, Professor Erika Stone, and Professor Jeff Zinn. The plays and playwrights were as follows: *Poems: The Early Life of Pope John Paul II* by Elena Ainley, *Golden* by Sebastian Bellisario, *Dora's Disclosure* by Anika Blodgett, *Land of the Living...Living?* by Tofer Carlson, *Jake* by Erin Saari and Laura Fischer, *The Golden Apple* by Holly Fletcher, *Barbeque Chicken Pizza* by Louisa King, and *Grave Intentions* by Alex Rock.

After the plays were announced, the hunt for directors, stage managers, and the remainder of the production staff began. I was careful to pick people who had experience in their respective fields before. Taymon and I made the unofficial rule for ourselves that if someone had no experience they could either be an assistant or we would require that they have a mentor. In general, finding the production staff proved to be a non-issue, except in the case of a couple of positions that dragged on into late March before we had anyone to fill the slots. One thing that had been mentioned several times about productions earlier in the year was that the job descriptions seemed undefined and created overlapping issues when two people were trying to do the same job, or when nobody did a job they were both assigned to do. To combat this, I detailed every job description when contacting people about taking on a production position. This contributed greatly to the cooperation of the production staff.

It was also time for designers to start blocking out their designs, specifically the set design. We had no specific set designer, rather I came up with a concept and brought it to a group of people who would help me realize it. The concept was a white set, and the committee wound up being Lizzie Dawson

(Master Carpenter), Jason Rosenman (Projection Engineer), Erika Stone (Administrator of Theatre Technology) and Taymon Beal (Assistant Producer). After a few meetings and discussions, we came up with a specific set design including projection screens, a white floor, and five cubes. (See **Appendix M: Set Design**.) We would be using two ultra-short throw projectors to project imagery that would help the play along according to the director's vision. After the set was settled, the designers set to work on their designs, which were all turned in before their due date on Monday, March 12th.

Unlike *New Voices 28*, we weren't using Sharepoint as our online contact point for the cast and crew. Instead we used Virtual Callboard, a relatively new software built specifically for theatrical performances. Virtual Callboard had been used by Masque for a number of performances before *New Voices 30*, so we were aware of the ups and downs of using the program. For example, Virtual Callboard is great at being a place to store files related to the production and send out mass emails to everyone on the production. However, it has a hard time with grouping individuals who have more than one position, and sometimes emails are lost when trying to send to specific groups. Aware of these concerns, Taymon, Erika Stone, Andrew Smith and I were able to use it effectively to keep track of everyone on teh production and what their roles were.

## **Auditions through Bloodbath**

The week of March 12th through the 16th was the busiest out of the entire festival because it was the week of auditions and casting. Monday the 12th we had the AYO Theatre Faire, an event held by Alpha Psi Omega to introduce the different aspects of theatre to the D-Term Theatre Workshop class. Students in the class are required to contribute 12 hours of work into the production, so this exhibition was their introduction to *New Voices* and theatre at WPI. This is usually held at the end of C-Term to help the producer find people for production positions before spring break. However, we pushed it back to C-Term so that it would be easier for Theatre Workshop students to attend.

Tuesday and Wednesday were auditions. After some initial difficulty when trying to use Google forms to store the actor's information electronically, we were able to implement a new system programmed on the fly by the assistant producer. This system would allow an actor to input their information downstairs and display it for the directors upstairs, keeping the information in a concise and readable format. There was a large turnout for auditions: 46 people.

Callbacks were held Thursday in rooms on-campus that I had booked for each of the shows. I scheduled each of the shows in timeslots that were attempting to not overlap (spacing out the monologues with the larger casts since one would have more people called back for it than the other). Some directors ignored this entirely and set up their own callbacks at their own times, but ran the risk of conflicting with more shows.

The casting meeting or "Bloodbath" was held that Friday. Due to a number of extenuating circumstances, the executive dramaturg Susan Vick couldn't be there. This threw the night somewhat for a loop as questions kept popping up that only she could answer for sure. Meanwhile, Taymon and I implemented the online system we had made for Bloodbath to organize conflicts and speed up discussions. This worked very much in theory, at the very least it did what we had hoped it would do. What we didn't count on were project students and monologues getting special preference, which led to several unnecessarily long conversations about what could be done to satisfy this. One of the recurring problems was it looked like there were about half as many roles as there were actors. Usually more *New* Voices plays have extras in them, but *Land of the Living...Living?* was one of the few with this built into the script. Eventually Liz Dufresne, the associate dramaturg, took over for Susan and began settling the disputes. Things went more smoothly from there, and a cast was formed. Taymon and I, who had both auditioned, were cast as audience plants in *Land of the Living...Living?*, something that would surprise the audience as we were taken out of our seats and devoured by zombies.

#### Rehearsals, Tech Work, and Cue to Tech

Once the shows had their casts, everything was in place to begin rehearsing, building the set and hanging the lights. Though most of the work was happening during this time, the two weeks that followed were quiet from the producing end. The majority of my work was answering questions directors had about adding things to their plays, and to settle the budgets with each individual show. During this time, the directors, stage managers and designers had to meet and discuss what they would like to see in the tech of their respective plays. This was also the relatively short amount of time that each show had to bring the actors from being completely unfamiliar with the plays to off book and memorized with staging. Being one of the zombies, I can attest that this was more easily said than done since we had to learn choreography to Thriller, Soulja Boy, the Dougie, West Side Story, a fight scene, and a marching formation.

Nevertheless, each of the shows got their actors and cues ready by the time Cue-To-Tech rolled around on April 4th ,though there was some last minute confusion over who sent cues where. This may have been caused by the majority of the FSMs signing on late in the production and not having enough time to talk to the show stage managers and crew heads. This year we decided to split up Cue-To-Tech into two nights, the first act and the second act, instead of trying to run all the plays in one big eight-hour go. We also moved it to the end of the week before production week. This made a big difference in the "crunch time" feel that seems to occur every production week, and allowed emergencies to be taken care of. During Cue-to-Tech, every show had enough time to run through their cues once and their show with tech twice if they so desired, but many shows ran it once and then used the extra time to fix cues with crew heads. All in all, things went very well, there was lots of communication from both sides. The only major hiccup was no one seemed to understand how the transitions worked. Taymon, Erika and I put in place a solution: Erika typed up the order of transitions for every FSM and crew head to see, Taymon hosted a mini-cue-to-cue for only the transitions over the weekend while we had a couple of free tech days, and I had us run through all of the transitions at the beginning of the Monday tech rehearsal.

#### **Production Week and Performances**

The week of April 9th through the 14th marked production week. At this point, so many things had been put into motion that the only thing I had left to do was more supervision/maintenance work than anything. If someone had a problem or an announcement, I would announce it right after warm ups for actors, which seemed to be the only time we had the entire company in one place. As previously mentioned, we ran transitions at the beginning on Monday and then went through the whole show. Afterwards we had a post-show discussion lead by Erika Stone, so that all of the directors, stage managers, and crew heads would be able to hear the changes that needed to take place from all around. This was effective in creating last minute changes in the festival.

The Tuesday dress rehearsal was well done. A couple of actors had begun to fall ill, however, and we quickly grabbed understudies for them. One in particular had to be filmed for some of the projections, we took care of this the following day. Both actors made a speedy recovery, but I am confident that should the time have called for it the understudies would have been able to take their places.

Wednesday was the special preview night. Though it wasn't publicly advertised, we still had an attendance of nearly 50 people. Much of the cast was able to come upstairs and watch the show as well. However, this night an important element of one play was missing, and most of the executive staff didn't know about it, causing a panic when this element was missing. This created confusion in the booth as well when they were looking for one more person to come onstage who wasn't there. From that point onwards, I made sure to notify everyone if someone was going to be sick or otherwise absent.

Opening night and the following performances were some of the best nights of theatre I've seen at my time at WPI. The notes after the show got shorter and shorter to the point where we didn't need the post-show meeting by Friday and instead emailed out notes. The positive attitude in the air was very high and when we all put our hands together for our last "Whether the Weather" team huddle, we truly felt like a theatre company. Even striking the show took shorter than usual, ending in a little over an hour. Taymon and I wrote up thank you cards for everyone on the production staff to express our sincerest thanks for everyone's hard work.

I could not be happier to have had the pleasure and the honor of producing *New Voices 30*.

## **Recommendations, Conclusions and Outcomes**

In the aftermath of *New Voices 30*, I was able to pinpoint key points where things went very smooth and where communication failures occurred. At the post production discussion meeting, both praise and constructive criticisms were brought forth for how New Voices ran this year and ways to improve it for next year. An assessment of notable outcomes is as follows:

## Successes

- Encouraging a sense of gravitas throughout the festival as a whole. I felt that the graphic design helped people in and outside of the production take it more seriously and appreciate the anniversary of the festival. The plays that were picked were also of a more dramatic nature in some cases.
- Asking for a Google Sketch Up or equivalent 3D model for the set design made envisioning it much easier for the directors and production staff. At the very least, having an isometric view should be essential from now on.
- We have a method for collecting and storing audition information online now. A few details
  need to be worked out with it, but if we could find a way to host it on our own web space it
  could be incredibly beneficial in the future. It also helped sort through the Bloodbath conflicts
  without the use of Post-It notes.
- Breaking up Cue-To-Tech into two days before Cosmic Breath Day/Beginning of Production week. This gave tech plenty of time to replace the floor, reprogram cues, practice transitions and fix anything that would otherwise have been hastily patched together at last minute.
- In general, communication during this production was at an all time high compared to productions over the previous year. I brought back the 24-hour mandate, which means if

someone hadn't gotten back to you in 24-hours you had every right to pester them until they did.

• "Sold out" two nights in a row with a full house.

## **Room for Improvement**

- Towards the beginning of the production, it was unclear who "okayed" show-specific stage managers. The Director of Directors was placed in charge of this, but then people with production positions wound up also taking on stage manager roles, which turned out to be problematic late in the production.
- We set rolling deadlines for when we would have liked to have had certain production positions.
   We waited entirely too long for some of these positions, namely publicity and FSMs. It would be best if these were among the first production positions settled, since publicity is in charge of getting the word out about auditions and if we knew who the FSMs were we could have avoided casting them in plays that were back to back with ones they were cueing.
- Bloodbath was confusing without the Executive Dramaturg and a clear leader of the event.
- The FSMs needed a leader. In *New Voices 28* there was a Mentor to Stage Managers. Late in the production, I appointed Erika Stone to fill this position after it was clear that the FSMs were having trouble communicating with one another and had different ways of running the show.
- Transitions had to be practiced separately to be fully ironed out, and even then they ran long during the performances. We also never ran the playwrights/directors switching seats, which left some people surprised, especially those who were directing and acting.
- A key element of one of the plays dropped out extremely late in the game and only a few people were aware of it. From now on whenever someone gets sick or has to leave suddenly, everyone should know about it, especially those in the executive staff.

## Recommendations

- Keep a Master FSM or Mentor to Stage Managers in the production staff
- Keep Cue-To-Tech broken up and at the end of the week before production week
- Notify the entire company if someone gets sick/otherwise absent and can't be there during a performance or tech rehearsal
- Use our online systems for auditions and Bloodbath
- Detail every production position when contacting potential personnel.
- Keep separate calendars for the Green Room, Little Theatre and New Voices Events and be sure not to double-book spaces.
- If using the short-throw projectors again, be sure the lighting design takes into account the darkness required for some of the images to appear.
- Emphasize constant communication and take steps to ensure it where one can.
- Attend everything in at least some capacity, rehearsals, set build, light hang, director meetings, et cetera. People are likely to have questions only the producer can answer at these events.
- Keep production meetings brief, pick a representative from each department and have them give a short status update/any warnings the rest of the production should know about.

## Appendices

# Appendix A: Poems: The Early Life of Pope John Paul II

In B-Term 2011, I participated in Professor Zinn's Playwriting Seminar. There I wrote *Poems*, an idea that I had been sitting on for a couple of years that finally made its way to paper. *Poems* is a snapshot of the life of20-year-old Karol Wojtyla, the man who would someday become Pope John Paul II. I submitted the script in January and was happy to discover that it was accepted into the festival. Watching the play I had written come alive was one of my greatest joys during the festival.



The Director provides important life advice for Karol while he discerns his call to the priesthood.



# Appendix B: Golden



The Dog in Golden reminiscing about the Poodles he used to see around his hydrant.



Appendix C: Dora's Disclosure



Dora unleashes chaos upon Pythos Encryption Software when she opens the Box and plays back all the

confessional tapes for everyone in the company to hear.



# Appendix D: Land of the Living...Living?



A horde of zombies acts out Max and Victoria's conversation about zombie film cliches and twists.

### Appendix E: Jake



Two roommates fight over their love for the same poster of a shirtless man they call "Jake."



### Appendix F: The Golden Apple



Aphrodite, Athena and Hera come to Earth in the modern age to find out once again, who is the most beautiful?

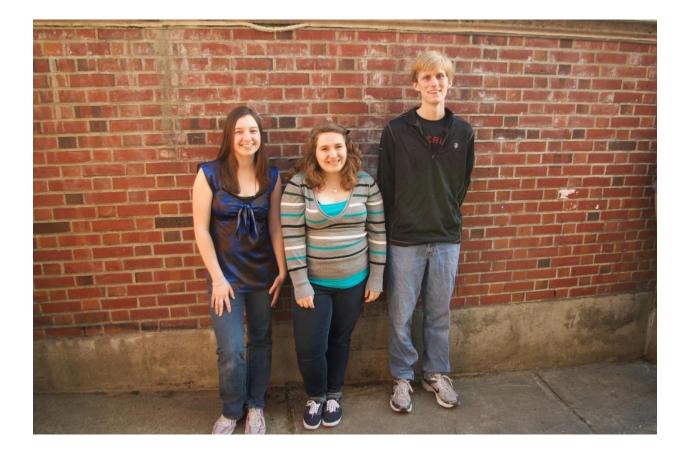


### Appendix G: Barbeque Chicken Pizza



A young woman recounts the time her mother told her she had breast cancer over a box of barbecue

chicken pizza.



Appendix H: Grave Intentions



A young man searching for closure has a one-sided conversation with his long deceased friend and crush.



### Appendix I: Production Staff

Executive Dramaturg	Susan Vick
Administrator of Theatre Technology	Erika Stone
Executive Producer	Elena Ainley
Assistant Producer	Taymon Beal
Director of Directors	Ian Hawkes
Associate Dramaturg	Liz Dufresne
Charge Scenic Artist	Lizzie Dawson
Projections Designer	Neil Pomerleau
Lighting Designer	Jason Rosenman
Master Electrician	Alex Gray
Sound Designer	Alyssa Donahue
Sound Engineer	Matt Forman
Publicity Head	Sarah Roth
Props Manager	Sarah Fischer
Green Room Manager	Scott Osborn
Box Office Manager	Katrina Kohlman
Graphic Designer	Elena Ainley
FSM	Owen West
FSM	Liz Fortner
FSM	Eileen Wrabel
LT Liason/Safety Officer	Andrew Smith
Program Designer	Taymon Beal
House Manager	Holly Fletcher
Assistant House Manager	Randy Perez
Sustenance Manager	Bob Connick
Run Crew Chief	Patrick Graham
Run Crew	Ryan Welch
Light Board Op	Matt Hotaling
Sound Board Op	Louis Fogel
Projection Board Op	John French
Poems: The Early Life of Pope John Paul II Director Stage Manager	Nick Hewgley Sam Dubois
Golden Director Stage Manager / AD	Joe Brown Michael Goldman
Dora's Disclosure Director Stage Manager / AD	Giovanna Olson Erin Saari

Land of the Living... Living? Director Stage Manager

Jake Director Stage Manager / AD

The Golden Apple Director Stage Manager

Barbeque Chicken Pizza Director Stage Manager

Grave Intentions Director Stage Manager Anika Blodgett Sarah Fischer

Tony Guerra Alex Rock

Adriana Martinez-Betancourt Rhiannon Chiacchiaro

Katie Cabral Hunter Putzke

Louisa King Chelsea Miller

### Appendix J: Cast List

Poems: The Early Life of Pope John Paul I				
Joe Brown	Karol			
John Bosworth	Director			
Herman E Servatius	Nazi Captain			
Patrick Thomas	Nazi			
Will Stockinger	Nazi			
Dolan Murvihill	Nazi			

### Golden

Hunter Putzke	Dog
Brianna Mikolivh	Poodle
Stephanie Piscitelli	Poodle
Anika Blodgett	Poodle
Owen West	Mail Man

### Dora's Disclosure

Alex Rock	Ethan
Greg Dilullo	Parker
Ian Maitland	Hugh
Rick Desilets	Zach
Laura Fischer	Dora
Neil Pomerleau	Amal
Alex Gorowara	Reporter

### Land of the Living...Living?

Michael Goldman	Max
Kari Rehkruger	Victoria
Andrew Larsen	Zombie
Angela Wood	Zombie
Elena Ainley	Zombie
Hannah Brown	Zombie
Liz Fortner	Zombie
Nick Bebel	Zombie
Sam Teatum	Zombie
Taymon Beal	Zombie

Sarah Schultz	Zombie
Tess de Rham	Zombie
Erin Saari	Zombie
Nick Hewgley	Zombie
Sebastian Bellisario	Zombie
Rob Correa	Zombie
Yadira Hilario	Zombie
Nick Morassi	Zombie
Chris Sanchez	Zombie

### Jake

Louisa King	Sarah
Angela Simpson	Liz
Richie Wingert	Shirtless Man

### The Golden Apple

Ethan Lawrence	Adam
Chelsea Miller	Hera
Paige Westlake	Aphrodite
Andrew Smith	Hermes
Kristen Brann	Athena

### Barbecue Chicken Pizza Lena Pafumi Woman

Grave Intentions
Doug Davis Man

	duct	ew Voices 30 On Meeting Minutes n Beal on Thursday Mar 22, 2012 11:19 am
	Date:	Vednesday March 21, 2012
		Department Notes:
Producers:		Scenic:
Post rehearsal schedules to VirtualCallboard. We have a show order! The Golden Apple, Golden, Grave Intentions, Barbeque Chicken Pizza, Jake, Dora's Disclosure, Poems, Land of the Living Living		
		Sound:
		L&L is being contacted about subwoofers. Speakers are being hung this weekend.
The plots are up. Light hang is up this weekend.		Costumes and Props:
Projection: Neil has met with the directors and will be starting designs very soon. Projectors are being ordered probably tomorrow and hung		Directors are on top of things. At 2 PM on Saturday, Sarah Fischer is doing a wound workshop in the LT Green Room.
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Publicity:		The preliminary house design will be due next Wednesday.
Sarah's looking for a crew and is on target f next Wednesday. (By the way, Elena is the graphic designer design in next Wednesday.)	-	Other:
Stage Management:		Remember to keep the appendice steer t
Liz Fortner and Owen West have been added to the team! Liz is FSMing the first three plays, Eileen is doing the next three, Owen has the last two.		-

# **New Voices 30** Production Meeting Minutes Submitted by: Taymon Beal on Thursday Mar 29, 2012 12:13 am

ent Notes:			
Scenic:			
<ul> <li>Nothing to report.</li> <li>The screens will be secured when the projectors are hung.</li> <li>We've abused the vinyl flooring a bit more than we expect the actors to. The second one is going down on Easter Sunday.</li> </ul>			
Sound:			
The subwoofers are coming tonight. They'll be hooked up before the weekend. House music will be selected for next Wednesday.			
Costumes and Props:			
You can store things in the LT now if you talk to Sarah.			
House:			
Katrina Coleman is our new Box Office Manager!			
Other:			
We still need ushers and a Green Room Manager.			
All special effects need to be run by Andrew Smith today. When in the Green Room, make sure that the bolt on the			
right-hand side of the stage door is down.			
Cosmic Breath Day is April 7. You can't work that day.			

# **New Voices 30** Production Meeting Minutes Submitted by: Taymon Beal on Wednesday Apr 04, 2012 05:26 pm

Date: Wednesday April 4, 2012

Producers:	Scenic:		
Producers:	Scenic:		
Q2techs are today and tomorrow. Don't expect perfection. Fortunately we allocated time for things to be fixed.	The screens have been secured and the cubes are finished!		
<b>T</b> TI / ' <b>1</b> ' I	The second floor is going down on Sunday.		
The reservation system is online!	Sound:		
Next week, call is 5 PM for tech and 6 PM for actors. There will be food. For actors, call is when warmups start. Everyone needs to already be there then. The (metaphorical) curtain goes up at 7 PM every night.	All cues are in (except a few that need fixing). House music has been gathered and just has to be ordered. Most shows still need opening and curtain call music.		
Lighting:	Costumes and Props:		
Lighting is "kind of" done with everything. They need to get	1		
some gels from L&L and they might need to add a couple	We have Jake!		
more pars. All cues are/will be programmed on time.	Props can be stored in the green room now. The shows that aren't currently doing this should.		
Any requests for curtain call should go to Jason now.	The quick-change in Jake is ready to be run tonight.		
Projection:	House:		
There's a problem. When the lights are above 20%, projections are hard to see.	Casts are going to be photographed. They will not be in costume.		
The designers will try to fix this.	There will be crew shots on Monday/Tuesday.		
Publicity:			
Posters are stuck at the print shop.			
The Reachack event is going up toright	We need ushers. If Holly can't get enough from Theatre Workshop, she'll email to theatre-crew and AYO.		
The Facebook event is going up tonight.	Other:		
Table sitting is this week. There will be a Google Doc.	Saturday is Cosmic Breath Day. No work then.		
Flyers are also in the works.	Lock the theatre before you leave. If you can't, call Andrew		
There will be T-shirts!	Smith. If he's not available, call another Squad member.		
Stage Management:	Scott is our green room manager. He'll be in charge of thir		
FSMs are ready to run Q2tech!	down in the green room.		

### Below is the Virtual Callboard Calendar for New Voices.

### March 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13 6:00 pm: First Night of	14 5:00 pm: Production Meet 6:00 pm: Second Night of	15 6:00 pm: Callback Auditi	16 6:00 pm: Bloodbath	17 10:00 am: Set Build
18 10:00 am: Set Build	19	20	21 5:00 pm: Production Meet	22	23	24 10:00 am: Light Hang 5:00 pm: Land of the Liv
25 10:00 am: Light Hang	26 9:00 pm: Land of the Liv	27	28 5:00 pm: Production Meet 11:59 pm: Publicity Plan  11:59 pm: Poster Due	29	30	31 5:00 pm: Land of the Liv

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## April 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 9:00 pm: Land of the Liv	3	4 6:00 pm: Tech Showcase f		6 7:30 pm: Land of the Liv	7 12:00 am: Cosmic Breath D

8	9 5:00 pm: Tech Rehearsal	10 5:00 pm: Dress Rehearsal	11 5:00 pm: Preview Perform	12 5:00 pm: Performance	13 5:00 pm: Performance	14 5:00 pm: Performance and
15	16	17	18 7:00 pm: Post Production	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					

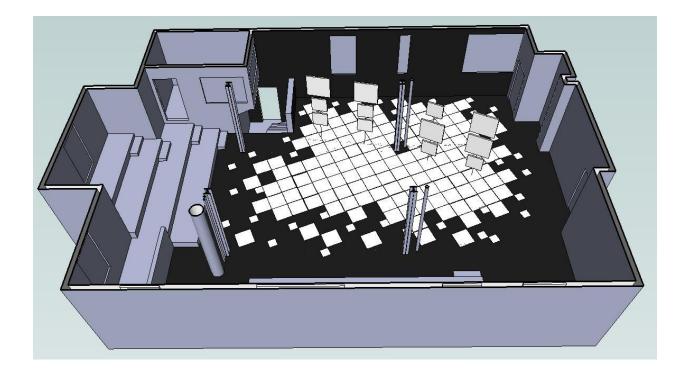
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25	26	27	28	29	30	31
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10p Golden Rehear	5p AYO Meeting 6p The Golden Appl +2 more			E 4p Jake Rehearsa 6p Grave Intentions +2 more	I 4p Jake 5p Masque Meeting	

The Google Calendars we used to keep track of events and space reservation. The blue calendar is the LT. The green Calendar is the Alden Green Room. The pink calendar is general events.

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8	9	10	11		12		13		14	
	Tech Week									
	5p Tech Call 6p Actor Warmups +2 more	3p Theatre Workshi 5p Tech Call +2 more	5p Tech Call 6p Actor Warm Up 7p Preview Perfor	os		Narm Ups			5p Tech C 6p Actor V 7p Closin	Varm Up
15	16	17	18		19		20		21	

### Appendix M: Set Design



Model by Elizabeth Dawson

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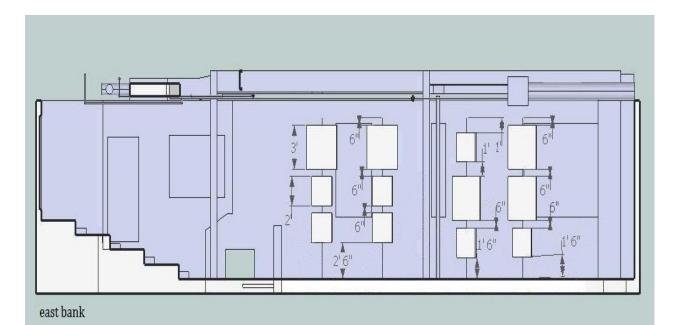
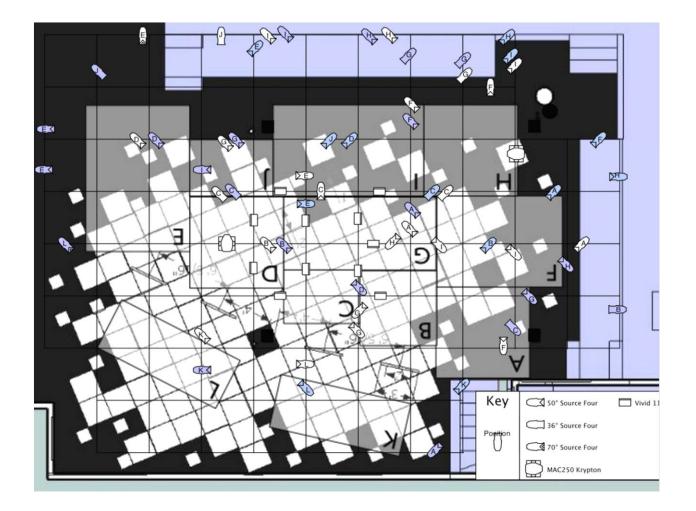




Photo of Poems showing the set and the cubes

### Appendix N: Lighting Design



Plot by Jason Rosenman

**Appendix O: Sound Design** 

## Sound Design for New Voices 30

### Alyssa Donohue

### Red=Maybe

### Blue=TBD

### Green= Voiceover

### Poems: The Early Life of Pope John Paul II

Military Truck?(pg.7)

German Soldiers Speaking Outside (pg.7)

Pained Shout Outside? (pg. 7)

Knocks on Door (pg.7)

Director Shouting "No!" (pg.7)

Gunshot (pg.7)

German man shouting into a megaphone announcing German Victory (pg.8)

### Golden

Background effect of cars driving by, people walking by on sidewalk, dogs barking in the distance (pg.3)

### Cats fighting (pg.3)

Sexy Jazz Music when talking about Poodles (pg. 3)

Loud effect of two dogs fighting (pg.3)

Sound of dog pissing on the sidewalk (pg.3)

### Dora's Disclosure

Robotic Computer Sounds (pg. 3, 7, 8, 9, 10)

Voiceover of a Machine-like Voice "Welcome to Pithos Encrypton Software Emotional Disclosure Therapy. Please begin when you are ready." And "Encrypting Data. File stored. Thank you. (pg. 7, 8, 9, 10)

Monologues to be Recorded (pg. 14)

Mashups of Monologues (pg. 15)

### Land of the Living...Living?

Sound of Retractable Ladder (pg.1)

Scary Bass Sounds (Not sure where in the play this is wanted)

Zombie moaning and Screaming (can be played before they come on stage if wanted or throughout the play)

"Thriller" by Michael Jackson (pg. 3)

"Soulja Boy" Song (pg.4)

"Teach Me How to Dougie" (pg.4)

Scary/Dramatic Music when Zombies attack each other (pg.4)

West Side Story Overture (pg.6)

Tchaikovsky's Romeo and Juliet Love Theme (pg.6)

Waltz/Foxtrot/Tango Music (pg.6)

### <u>Jake</u>

"I'll Be Seeing You" by Billie Holliday (pg.8)

Movie-like love song playing, then suddenly cut off by record scratching sound (Not sure if the same as above sound)

Knocking on Door Sound (pg.12)

### The Golden Apple

Currently no official sounds for this play, but will be discussed and minor sounds may be added.

### Barbeque Chicken Pizza

Possible Phone Ring (pg.1)

Voiceover of mother's word "I'm sorry, I have Breast Cancer." (pg.1)

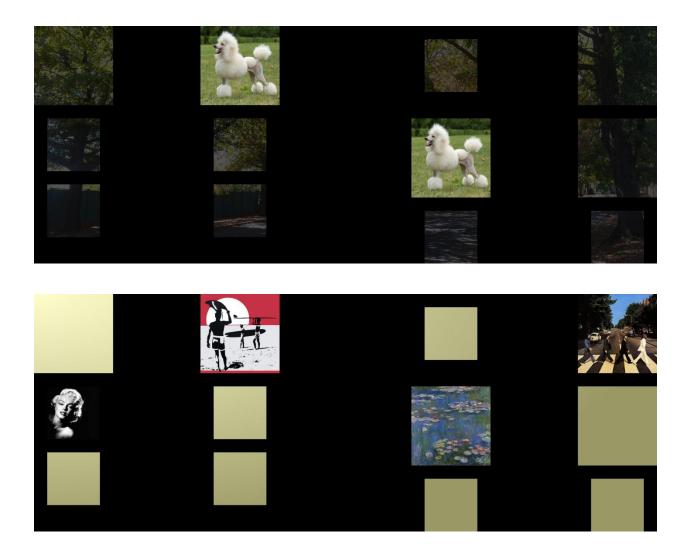
"What Sarah Said" by Death Cab for Cutie (pg. 2, during Blackout)

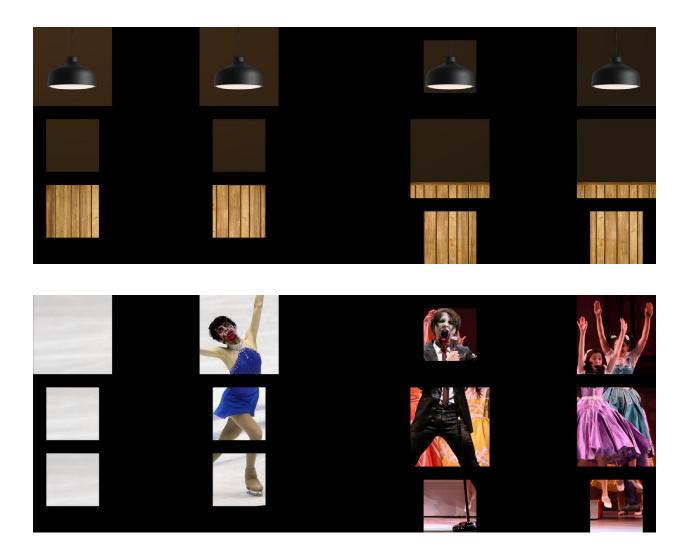
### **Grave Intentions**

No sound as of right now, but open to any changes.

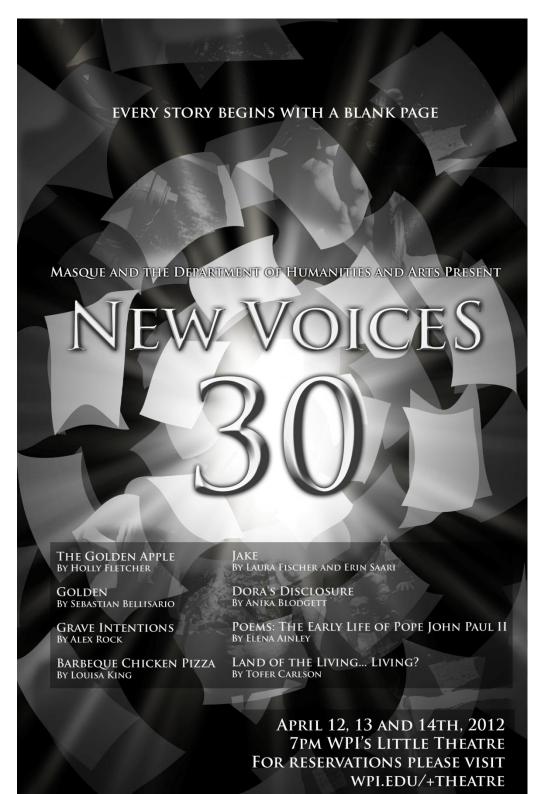
### Appendix P: Projection Design

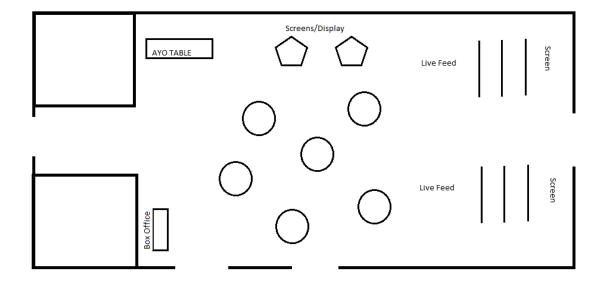
Below are some examples of the designs created by Neil Pomerleau that were projected in this layout on the screens.





**Appendix Q: Poster Design** 





Plot by Holly Fletcher

#### **Appendix S: Program Design**

#### Don't miss upcoming shows at WPI!

#### VOX presents

**Disney Cabaret** 

April 20 and 21 6 PM and 8 PM (two shows per night), Alden Memorial Hall Admission \$5 for students, \$10 for general public

#### Student Comedy Productions presents The Not-So-Magic Kingdom

A Free Comedy Festival April 26, 27, and 28 7 PM, Kinnicutt Hall (Salisbury Laboratories 115)

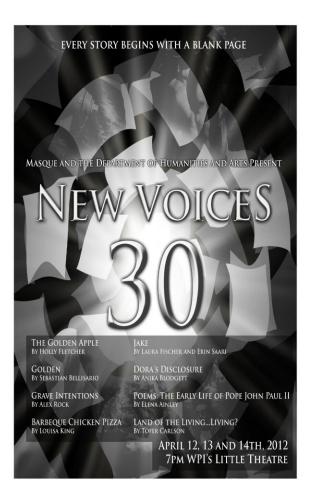
#### M.W. Repertory Theatre Company, Etc. presents Sunburns Summer Theatre

July 19, 20, and 21 Little Theatre

#### M.W. Repertory Theatre Company, Etc. presents

Fall M.W. Show September 20, 21, and 22 Little Theatre

VOX presents Gilbert and Sullivan's *The Pirates of Penzance* September 27, 28, and 29 Alden Memorial Hall



#### Welcome to New Voices 30!

Food, drink, and photography are prohibited in the Little Theatre.

There will be one ten-minute intermission midway through the performance.

#### What is New Voices?

New Voices is the longest continuously-running collegiate festival of new and original plays in the nation. Each year in January since 1982, New Voices has solicited original, unpublished scripts from students, faculty, and community members. Five to nine plays are selected for production each year. In 30 years, New Voices has produced 399 plays by 158 playwrights.

#### A Note from the Executive Producer

It's fitting that New Voices is held in the spring, during a time of celebration for new life. Rarely do we get as many new faces in theatre as we do during New Voices. There were a few times during our preparation phase while we were trying to find production positions that I was scared we wouldn't have enough people to run the show. I was happily proven wrong. We have had an incredible outpouring of help and support from all over the WPI community. This program contains the names of over one hundred people who have been working hard for the past seven weeks to put this show together. From the beautiful plays that were written, to the unique set design, to the hordes of dancing zombies, all of the elements of this production are focused on pushing the envelope for New Voices's 30th year. I am very happy to have had the opportunity to produce this play festival, and can see no better way to finish my time at WPI. I'm honored to have had the opportunity to work with Susan Vick, the founder of New Voices, and to be privy to her 30 years of wisdom in working with previous New Voices festivals. She and Erika Stone helped ensure that everything ran smoothly and made my job as producer that much easier. I'd also like to thank Taymon Beal for being a great assistant producer and for going over my work with a fine-toothed comb. Thank you for coming, and enjoy the show.

#### Special Thanks to...

#### Prof. Susan Vick

#### Prof. Erika Stone

The Little Theatre Squad

Alex Rock ♦ Giovanna Olson ♦ Brian Joseph ♦ Jason Rosenman Sebastian Bellisario ♦ Andrew Smith

Humanities & Arts Drama/Theatre Work Study Associates Anika Blodgett ♦ Angela Simpson ♦ Owen West

Masque Officers

Anika Blodgett ♦ Angela Simpson ♦ Sebastian Bellisario ♦ Joseph Brown Katie Cabral ♦ Andrew Smith ♦ Taymon Beal ♦ Lena Pafumi Jason Rosenman

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WPI Office of Development and University Relations

WPI Student Activities Office

WPI Chapter of Alpha Psi Omega, Rho Kappa Cast

#### ... and to...

Kenneth J. Danila and Margaret Schmidt ♦ Andrew Hansford Helen G. Vassallo ♦ Janet and Jeffrey H. Pollak ♦ JoAnn Manfra James P. Hanlan ♦ Penny Rock



The Rho Kappa cast of Alpha Psi Omega is pleased to announce that

#### **Holly Fletcher**

#### **Alex Gray**

#### **Allison Grocela**

#### **Adriana Martinez-Betancourt**

#### and

#### **Richie Wingert**

have been selected for induction into Alpha Psi Omega in D-term 2012.

The induction ceremony will follow Friday night's performance. All are welcome to attend.

#### What is $A\Psi \Omega$ ?

Alpha Psi Omega is a national theatre honors fraternity. The Rho Kappa cast is the WPI chapter of A $\Psi\Omega$ , and its members provide leadership and mentorship to the WPI theatre community. Students who make extraordinary contributions to theatre at WPI are selected for induction into A $\Psi\Omega$ . New classes of members are inducted twice per year, during the Conservatory Show in B-term and New Voices in D-term.

#### **Production Staff**

Founder and Executive Dramaturg	
Director of Theatre Technology	
Executive Producer —	
Associate Producer —	Taymon Beal
Director of Directors	
Associate Dramaturg	
Master Carpenter and Charge Scenic Artist	——————————————————————————————————————
Lighting Designer	
Master Electrician	Alex Gray
Lighting Board Operator —	Matt Hotaling
Sound Designer	
Sound Engineer	Matt Forman
Sound Board Operator	Louis Fogel
Projection Designer	
Projection Engineer	Jason Rosenman
Projection Board Operator	
Costumes and Props Coordinator	Sarah Fischer
Assistant Costumes and Props Coordinator	Amber Desjardin
Publicity Coordinator	Sarah Roth
Mentor to Publicity Coordinator	Andrew Smith
House Manager	
Assistant House Manager —	Randy Perez
Box Office Manager	
Festival Assistant Stage Manager	
Green Room Manager	
Sustenance Manager	
Graphic Designer	
Program Designer	
Little Theatre Liaison	
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Selecting Dramaturgs

Scenic Design Team

Elena Ainley 🔸 Taymon Beal 🔸 Lizzie Dawson 🔶 Jason Rosenman Prof. Erika Stone

#### **Production Staff**

Festival Stage Managers

Elizabeth Fortner Owen West Eileen Wrabel

Assistant Master Carpenters and Charge Scenic Artists Louis Fogel + Scott Osborn

#### Scenic Crew

 Denzel Amevor • Sebastian Bellisario • John Bosworth • Kelsey Brofford Hannah Brown • David Ephraim • Sarah Fischer • John French
 Marc Gelin • Alex Gorowara • Patrick Graham, Jr. • Syed Asaad Hussain
 Wanbin Li • Jeniece Macedonio • Steven Malis • Aquamé Matthews
 Patrick Murphy • Dolan Murvihill • Eric Ostrom • Adrian Oyola
 Mario Rolon • Samuel Teatum • Ryan Welch • Qiyang Zhou

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#### Lighting Crew

Joseph Brown 

David Ephraim 

Marc Gelin 

Gregory Karp-Neufeld
Brianna Mikolich 

Dolan Murvihill 

Lena Pafumi 

Hunter Putzke
Patrick Thomas

#### Run Crew

Patrick Graham, Jr. + Ryan Welch

#### Publicity Crew

Samuel Abradi • Denzel Amevor • John Bosworth • Kelsey Brofford Robert Correa • Amber Desjardin • Laura Fischer • Qiaochu Han Syed Asaad Hussain • Bansari Kamdar • Jeniece Macedonio Aquamé Matthews • Patrick Murphy • Adrian Oyola • Andrew Paon Hnin Phyu • Erin Saari • Samuel Teatum

#### Ushers

Rohit Bansal • Kelsey Brofford • Marc Gelin • Selina Han • Andrew Paon Hnin Phyu • Mario Rolon • Adrian Oyola • Patrick Thomas

Joe Curtin + Kevin Dahm + Kat Damaso + Catherine Darensbourg Elizabeth Dawson + Anthony J. DeFusco + David Degrange + Steven Delfino Gary DelGrego + Rick Desilets + Dominic DiGiovanni + Karen Dockrey Rob Douglas Jonathan T. Drummey Dave Eaton Rob Everton Ellie Falsafi 

Todd Fantz 

Megan Faulkner 

Samuel Frank Feller Erik L. Felton + Brian Fennell + Elliot Field + Laura Fischer Holly Fletcher + Cathleen Foley + David Fraioli + Meghan Fraizer Keith Franklin + Brian Freeman + Kristine Gatley + Dan Gilbreath Jacob Given + Cynthia Gould + Lynda Grzyb + Guerilla Improv Tom Guyette + Peter Hamill + Shannon "Haz" Harrower + David Hartman Penny Hawley + Hilary Lohnes Hayes + Craig Henrickson + Jeff Herbert Ken Hincklev 
 Chuck Homic 
 William Howe 
 Paul "Knobby Part" Irish Jimmy the Cook + James Johnson + Katherine Journeay + William Katzman Mary Kendrick + Carol King + Louisa King + Dale Kingsbury Nancy Kuran + Andy Kutner + Jon Lamkins + Ben LaVerriere + Lee Lopes Amanda Lozada 🔶 Charles Lyons 🔶 Reid MacDonald 🔶 Harold MacKiernan Jordan Maddock + EJ Massa + Tony Mastromatteo + Timothy McInerney Marc McKenney + Seth McNear + Nick Medeiros + Paul F. Messier Matt Meyer + Eric Mill + Jed Miller + Peter James Miller + James Moore Duane D. Morin + Adam R. Nakama + Nancy + Mindy Neligon Jim "Roy" Nichols + Lisa Norkus + Kathy Notariani + Amanda Jean Nowack Kristin Nygard + Anne Marie O'Connor + Dean O'Donnell Michael O'Malley + Christopher Osborn + Kyle Outlaw + Ann Palmer Jesse Parent + Andrew Patrarca + Richard Pavis + Sarah Pavis David Pazzano + Ryan Petti + The Purple Donkey + N. Harrison Ripps Brian Roberts + Alex Rock + Carmen Romeo + Morgan D. Rosenberg Don Ross 
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 Rob Tiernan 

 Peter Tousignant 

 John Trussell Matt Tucker + Dawn M. Varacchi + Steven Vessella + Susan Vick The Video Project Kenny Volock Randall Wainwright Geoffrey DeWitt Waldin Nick Walker Andy Wang Caleb Warner

Brian Weissman ♦ James D. White ♦ John Whyte ♦ Jen Wiley Andrew Wilkins ♦ William Woerter ♦ Ben Wong ♦ Jeff Yoder Michael Yoder ♦ Carlos Zapata (continued from previous page)

Assistant Director and Stage Manager: Sarah Fischer Zombie Wranglers: Amber Desjardin and Bansari Kamdar "Teach Me How to Zombie" performed by Neil Pomerleau

#### **Theatre Workshop Students**

The following students from Prof. Erika Stone's Theatre Workshop class have contributed to *New Voices 30*.

#### **30 Years of New Voices Playwrights**

Prof. Susan Vick would like to acknowledge all the playwrights whose plays have been produced during the 30 years of the New Voices festival.

aArdvark Emporium 🔶 Dan Afonso 🔶 Elena Ainley 🔶 Dale Albert
Erica M. Anderson + Jamie Anderson + Helene Andersson + Mike Andrews
David Bacheller ♦ Derek Bacon ♦ Anthony Ball ♦ Tom Balon
Nick Barnes 🔶 Nick Bebel 🔶 Rich Belcinski 🔶 Kim Belli
Sebastian Bellisario 🔶 Brian Berg 🔶 Anika Blodgett 🔶 Joshua Brandt
Patrick Brennan + Jessica Buckingham + William Bullard + Scott Burroughs
Kajsa Cadwell 🔶 David Caiati 🔶 Ryan Carley 🔶 Tofer Carlson
Stephani Carney 🔶 Thomas Carr 🔶 Marissa Cartwright 🔶 Fred CassIlius
Amy Castonguay
Aaron Chandler-Worth 🔶 Jeffrey Chausse 🔶 Rhiannon Chiacchiaro
Stephen Christopher
Robert Connick

#### The Golden Apple

#### Written by Holly Fletcher Directed by Adriana Martinez-Betancourt

Adam

Hera

Man

Ethan Lawrence
Chelsea Miller

Athena	
Aphrodite	Paige Westlake
Hermes —	Andrew Smith

Assistant Director and Stage Manager: Rhiannon Chiacchiaro Mentor to Director: Rick Desilets

#### Golden

#### Written by Sebastian Bellisario Directed by Joseph Brown

Dog	Hunter Putzke
Poodle	Anika Blodgett
Poodle	Brianna Mikolich
Poodle	
Mailman	Owen West

Assistant Director and Stage Manager: Michael Goldman Mentor to Director: Holly Fletcher

#### **Grave Intentions**

Written by Alex Rock Directed by Louisa King

----- Doug Davis

Stage Manager: Chelsea Miller

#### **Appendix T: Playlist**

#### Playwright

Albee, Edward Bradbury, Ray Carlson, Tofer

Carmichael, Fred Desilets, Richard Durang, Christopher DiGiovanni, Dominic Finn, William Gilbert, W.S. and Sullivan, Arthur Guare, John Harrower, Shannon "Haz"

Hart, Moss and Kaufman, George S. Kaufman Jones, Rolin Kander, John and Ebb, Fred Kaufman, George S. Kesselring, Joseph Kaufman, Moises

Kelley, Dennis Kruckemeyer, Erna LaVerriere, Benjamin Lindsay-Abaire, David Loesser, Frank Mamet, David Miller, Arthur Murillo, Carlos O'Donnell, Dean Pavis, Richard Pirandello, Luigi (Ad. Ben Laverriere) Roger, Richard and Hammerstein, Oscar

Royal, Bert V. Sedaris, David Schonberg, Claude-Michel Shakespeare, William

#### Title

The Sandbox Pillar of Fire A Letter Unsent Land of the Living... Living? A Prayer for Rain Any Number Can Die The Party Train Sister Mary Ignatius Explains It All For You Mad City Inhabited The 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee The Mikado Six Degrees of Separation Bower Bird or Crazies in Love Men are From Oz Screw This Noise Schrodingers Cat in the Hat You Can't Take It With You Shortstack Chicago The Still Alarm Arsenic and Old Lace Gross Indecency The Laramie Project Love and Money Cyrano De Bergerac Thirty-Six Situations Rabbit Hole Guys and Dolls American Buffalo The Crucible Dark Play Get me to the Church on Time The Secret of Water Six Characters in Search of An Author South Pacific Cinderella Dog Sees God Book of Liz Les Miserables A Midsummer Night's Dream A Winter's Tale As You Like It Macbeth Much Ado About Nothing

Sondheim, Stephen

Vessella, Steven Webber, Andrew Lloyd Wilde, Oscar Williams, Tennessee Zagone, Nick

Romeo and Juliet The Taming of the Shrew Sonnets Julius Caesar Assassins Into the Woods Pacific Overtures Company The Frogs Merrily We Roll Along Sweeney Todd West Side Story A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum Sunday in the Park With George The Change Phantom of the Opera The Importance of Being Earnest Cat on a Hot Tin Roof Smoke Scenes

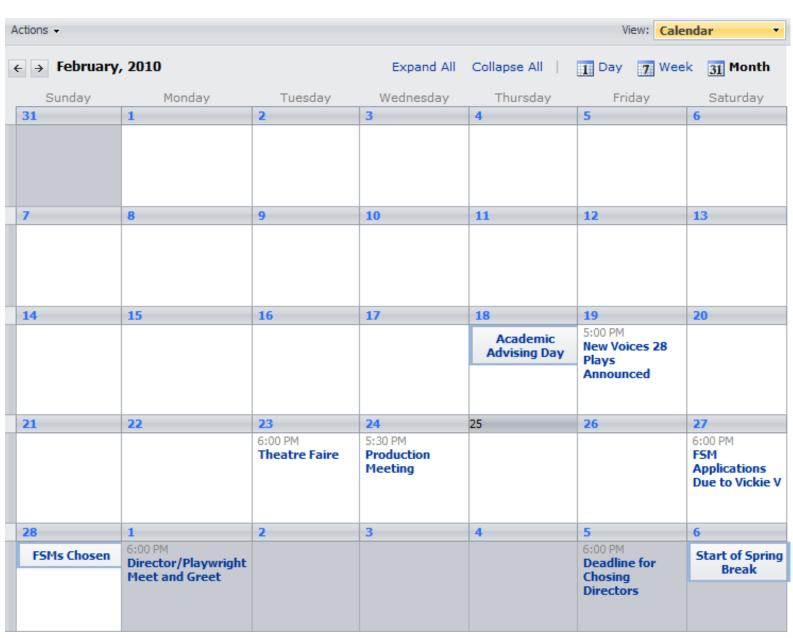
### Appendix U: Theatre Resume

Term/Year	Company	Performance	Position/Role
A'08	MW Rep	Bower Bird AKA Crazies in Love	Dr. Mona Gerard
C'09	Masque	Daisy Crockett: Frontiersperson!	Daisy Crocket
D'09	Masque	New Voices 27	
		A Spy in Size 4's	Assistant Director
			Paint Crew
A'09	MW Rep	Where There's Smoke, There's Fire	Wardrobe/Props Designer
			Graphic Designer
			Run Crew
B'09	Masque	The Crucible	Wardrobe/Props Designer
			Graphic Designer
			Paint Crew
C'10	Masque	Any Number Can Die	Sally VanViller
			Graphic Designer
			Set Crew
			Paint Crew
D'10	Masque	New Voices 28	
			Assistant Producer
			Set Design Committee
		Lumberknight: The Francophone Protocol	Emily Harper
E'10	Sunburns	Dark Play or Stories for Boys	Olivia
			Graphic Designer
A'10	MW Rep	Shortstack	Co-Director
B'10	Masque	Six Characters In Search of an Author	Set Designer
C'11	VOX	Glee Cabaret	Sue Slyvester
			Scenic Painter
A'11	VOX	Into The Woods	Scenographer
		Alpha Psi Omega Officer	President
B'11	Masque	Cat On A Hot Tin Roof	Graphic Designer
			Set Crew
		Alpha Psi Omega Officer	President
		AYO 24-Hour Show	Producer
C'12	Masque	Hindsight!	Graphic Designer
		Alpha Psi Omega Officer	President
D'12	Masque	New Voices 30	Executive Producer
			Graphic Designer
			Producer Zombie
	VOX	Disney Cabaret	Cruella De Vil

### Appendix V: Hours List

Date	Activity	Hours
11/26/2011	Playwriting Seminar Writing	5
12/5/2011	Playwriting Seminar Writing	5
12/10/2011	Playwriting Seminar Writing	5
12/13/2011	Playwriting Seminar Writing	10
1/12/2012	Schedule planning	5
1/13/2012	Play Submissions Poster	3
1/15/2012	Planning with Ian Hawkes	10
1/26/2012	Finishing up/Submitting play	10
1/27/2012	Masque Meeting	1
2/3/2012	Masque Meeting	1
2/4/2012	Production Staff Scouting	10
2/10/2012	Masque Meeting	1.5
2/17/2012	Play Announcement/Hindsight!	5
2/20/2012	Director/Playwright Meet & Greet	3
2/21/2012	New Voices Exec Meeting	2.5
2/21/2012	Director meeting	3
2/24/2012	Production Staff Scouting	10
2/24/2012	Masque Meeting	1.5
3/3/2012	Design Planning	10
3/8/2012	Design Planning	10
3/12/2012	AYO Theatre Faire	5
3/13/2012	Auditions	4
3/14/2012	Prod meeting/Auditions	5
3/15/2012	Callbacks	5
3/16/2012	Bloodbath	3.5
3/17/2012	Set Build	2
3/18/2012	Set Build	2
3/19/2012	Office Hours/NV30 Exec	2.5
3/19/2012	Zombie practice	2
3/21/2012	Emails, general setup, booking	10
3/21/2012	Production meeting	1
	Theatre Workshop/Masque	
3/23/2012	meeting	2.5
3/24/2012	Wound Workshop/Rehearsal	5
3/24/2012	Light hang	2
3/26/2012	Office Hours/NV30 Exec	2.5
3/26/2012	Zombie practice	2.5
3/27/2012	Emails, general setup, booking	10
3/28/2012	Production Meeting	1

3/29/2012	Zombie practice	2
	Theatre Workshop/Masque	
3/30/2012	meeting	2.5
3/31/2012	Zombie practice	2.5
4/2/2012	Taymon office hours	1
4/2/2012	Office Hours/NV30 Exec	2.5
4/2/2012	Poems rehearsal	2
4/2/2012	Zombie practice	2.5
4/3/2012	Cue to Tech Prep and Plan	10
4/4/2012	Cue to Tech	4
4/5/2012	Cue to Tech Prep and Plan	4
4/5/2012	Cue-To-Tech	4
4/9/2012	Tech Rehearsal Prep and Plan	10
4/9/2012	Tech Rehearsal	5
4/10/2012	Dress Rehearsal	5
4/11/2012	Preview Night	5
4/12/2012	Opening Night	5
4/13/2012	Performance/AYO Inductions	7
4/14/2012	Closing Night/Strike	7
4/17/2012	MQP Research	5
4/20/2012	MQP paper writing	5.5
4/23/2012	MQP paper writing	10
4/24/2012	MQP paper writing	10
4/25/2012		10
Total		300.5



### Appendix W: New Voices 28 Schedule

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	10	11	12	13
	Spring Break			
	17	18	19	20
Vorkshop	5:30 PM Production Meeting	6:00 PM Bloodbath	Set Build	1:00 PM Set Build
	6:00 PM Callbacks		2:30 PM Theatre Workshop	6:00 PM Happily Ever After Rehearsal
	24	25	26	27
	12:00 PM	8:00 PM	2:30 PM	12:00 PM
Vorkshop	Lighting	Mother of Invention Rehearsal	Theatre Workshop	Lighting

14	15	16	17	18	19	20
6:00 PM	6:00 PM	2:30 PM	5:30 PM	6:00 PM	Set Build	1:00 PM
Auditions	Auditions	Theatre Workshop	Production Meeting	Bloodbath	See Duild	Set Build
10:00 PM		6:00 PM	6:00 PM		2:30 PM	6:00 PM
Estimate Tech Budgets		Auditions	Callbacks		Theatre Workshop	Happily Ever After
Due to Corey						Rehearsal
10:00 PM						
Estimate Show Budgets						
Due to Corey						
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21	22	23	24	25	26	27
10:00 AM	5:00 PM	2:30 PM	12:00 PM	8:00 PM	2:30 PM	12:00 PM
Set Build	Happily Ever After	Theatre Workshop	Lighting	Mother of Invention	Theatre Workshop	Lighting
	Rehearsal			Rehearsal		
	6:30 PM		5:30 PM	9:00 PM	8:00 PM	
	Secret of Water		Production Meeting	Secret of Water	Basic Light Plot due to	
	Rehearsal			Rehearsal	Corey	
	7:00 PM		6:00 PM	10:30 PM		
	FSM Meeting		Happily Ever After Rehearsal	A Prayer For Rain Rehearsal		
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28	29	30	31	1	2	3
12:00 PM	5:00 PM	11:00 AM	12:00 PM	5:00 PM	2:30 PM	11:00 AM
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6:00 PM	6:00 PM	2:30 PM	5:30 PM	7:00 PM	6:00 PM	12:00 PM
Tech Showcase	Special Light Requests	Theatre Workshop	Production Meeting	Campus should be	Cue List due back to FSM	Lighting
	due to Lighting Designer			plastered with posters!		
11:00 PM	6:00 PM	5:00 PM	6:00 PM	8:00 PM	6:00 PM	11:00 PM
Set construction done	Special Sound Requests	Mother of Invention	Posters Printed	Mother of Invention	Party Train Rehearsal	All Lights hung
	due to Sound Designer	Rehearsal		Rehearsal		
	8:00 PM	7:30 PM	6:00 PM	9:00 PM	8:00 PM	
	Secret of Water	A Prayer For Rain	Cues due to Designers	Secret of Water	A Prayer For Rain	
	Rehearsal	Rehearsal		Rehearsal	Rehearsal	
	9:00 PM	9:00 PM	6:00 PM		10:00 PM	
	Get Me to the Church On	Lumberknight Rehearsal			Cube Plots due to Run	
	Time Rehearsal		Synopsis due to Publicity		Crew Chief	
			6:00 PM			
			Runtimes due to Corey			
			6:00 PM			
			Happily Ever After			
			Rehearsal			
			7:00 PM			
			Lumberknight Rehearsal			
			8:00 PM Secret of Water			
			Rehearsal			
			9:00 PM			
			All the Truth Rehearsal			
			10:00 PM			
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