Bethany College Theatre’s 24-Hour Play Fest premieres soon!

It’s fast!

It’s furious!

It’s sleep deprivation at its creative best!

It’s the inaugural Bethany College Theatre 24-Hour Play Fest Friday, May 1, and Saturday, May 2, 2015 in Lindsborg, KS!

What’s It All About?
Welcome to theatre by the seat of your pants! 24 hours, that’s it. 24 (all too) short hours to write, rehearse, and perform six brand new short plays. Sound impossible? Crazy, perhaps, but it has been done, across the country, since 1995. And, come May, six playwrights and group of dedicated and daring actors, directors, and technicians will do it here at Bethany College.

On Friday, May 1, at 6:00 p.m., everybody—playwrights, actors, directors, technicians—will gather to meet, greet, and get the rules of the game. At 7:30, random drawings take place to determine the order in which the plays will be performed on Saturday evening, as well as to pair directors with plays and actors with directors. Then, everybody gets to go—except the playwrights! They will get a prompt, a prop, and one line, all of which must be used in their 10- to 15-minute plays—which will be written over the next 12 hours.

The writing stops at 7:30 Saturday morning and each play is put into an unmarked envelope. At the same time, directors and stage manager arrive to receive their plays. The actors arrive at 8:30 a.m.; scripts are handed out and rehearsals begin. Technicians punch in at 11:00 to begin setting lights and gathering set pieces and finding or creating costumes, props, and sound effects. A dinner break from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. is followed by a run-through with tech, props, sound, and costumes. House opens at 7:00; at 7:30, the lights go up on six new plays!

Playwrights
Commitment: 6:00 p.m. on Friday to 7:30 Saturday morning, and again from 7:30 through the post-show discussion on Saturday evening. It is your choice to attend the run-through at 5:00 p.m. on Saturday. Playwrights will have a choice of two writing locations. Beverages and snacks will be provided throughout the 12-hour writing block.

If you are interested in participating in the Bethany College 24-Hour Play Fest, please fill out the application and return it to Prof. Greg LeGault at legaultg@bethanylb.edu by February 13, 2015. Selected playwrights will be notified by March 20th. Playwrights may participate in more than one area.

 Actors
Commitment: 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. on Friday, May 1; 9:00 a.m. to approximately 10:00 p.m. on Saturday, May 2. You will have roughly six hours of rehearsal, plus a run-through, to learn lines and blocking. Actors have the option of appearing in more than one play.
If you are interested in taking part in the 24-Hour Play Fest, please fill out the application and return it, with a head-shot or recent photograph to Prof. Greg LeGault at legaultg@bethanylb.edu by February 20, 2015.

**Directors & Stage Manager(s)**
Commitment: 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. on Friday, May 1 and 7:30 a.m. to approximately 10:00 p.m. on Saturday, May 2.

**Technicians & Crew**
Commitment: 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. on Friday, May 1; 11:00 a.m. to approximately 10:00 p.m. on Saturday May 2. Some of the technicians may be asked to crew the shows as well.

Come PLAY this May!
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