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### **24hr Berkshires/Capital Region Theatre Project: Crossing State Lines**

TROY, NY -- The first ever **24hr Berkshires/Capital Region Theatre Project** brings together playwrights, directors, designers, crew and actors from both the Berkshires and the Capital Region armed with the common task of mounting **5 new short works in 24 Hours**. WAM Theatre, MOPCO and The Arts Center of the Capital Region host the event happening Saturday, March 26, 2011 at 8 p.m. in the Arts Center of the Capital Region, 265 River Street, Troy, NY.

Kristen van Ginhoven (WAM Theatre), Kat Koppett (MOPCO) and Jill Rafferty-Weinisch (Arts Center of the Capital Region) joined forces to kick off this colossal artistic adventure.

"WAM Theatre is based in both regions, so it is terrific to bring together the amazing talent and creativity that is in both the Berkshires and the Capital Region," states WAM Theatre's van Ginhoven. MOPCO's Koppett continues, "This project provides an incredible chance to consolidate all the bonding and brilliance of a traditional endeavor into a very brief span. And at MopCo, all our work is improvised, so having 24 hours AND a script, heck, that's a life time."

Participant Yvonne Perry said, "I'm so impressed with the level of talent from both regions willing to collaborate with this event!"

Only 100 tickets available for this unique creative collaboration across state lines! "There's a rush of adrenalin that comes with making bold choices in a project like this," said participant John Romeo. "There's no time to sit and ponder. It's where one's instincts get challenged." Come and be one of the 100 who get to witness the bold choices.

#### **DETAILS:**

The Arts Center of the Capital Region, 265 River Street, Troy, NY Saturday, March 26, 2011 at 8:00pm

#### **TICKETS: \$15**

You can purchase tickets online through Brown Paper Tickets at <http://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/153810> or by calling 1-800-838-3006. Tickets are also on sale at the Arts Center of the Capital Region, in person or at 518.273.0552.

#### **PARTICIPANTS:**

As of March 6-for updates see: <http://www.wamtheatre.com/events/2011events/24->

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**About WAM Theatre:**

WAM Theatre is a theatre company based in the Berkshires of Massachusetts and the Capital Region of New York State. Inspired by the book 'Half the Sky: Turning Oppression into Opportunity for Women Worldwide' by Nicholas Kristof and Sheryl WuDunn, WAM Theatre was founded in 2009 by professional theatre artists Kristen van Ginhoven and Leigh Strimbeck. WAM's philanthropic mission is two-fold; first, producing theatrical events for everyone, with a focus on women theatre artists and/or stories of women and girls; second, to donate a portion of the proceeds from those events to organizations that benefit women and girls. [www.wamtheatre.com](http://www.wamtheatre.com)

**About MOPCO:**

Live performance fills a central, universal need of humankind. This need cannot be met by passive reception of electronic or virtual paths, but must be experienced with all five senses. MopCo believes that the best theatre comes out of an active collaboration between performer and audience. We constantly expand, refine, and redefine our own concept of what improvisation in performance is. This is because the company acts on the assumption that that which is unchanging is probably dead, and will therefore begin to stink soon, if it doesn't already. [www.mopco.org](http://www.mopco.org)

**About the Arts Center of the Capital Region:**

Over the course of its nearly 50-year history, The Arts Center of the Capital Region has carved out a distinctive - and deeply personal - role among the region's thriving cultural institutions, as a unique venue that provides thousands of adults and children each year with hands-on, up-close encounters with their own creativity and previously untapped talents. Today, The Arts Center provides a wide range of programs and services to more than 35,000 people a year. [www.artscenteronline.org](http://www.artscenteronline.org)

**Dramaturges:**

Kristen van Ginhoven-co-Artistic Director, WAM Theatre-Berkshires  
Chris Rohmann-writer, director, Valley Advocate, WFCR Public Radio-Berkshires

**Playwrights:**

Linda Bidwell Delaney-Capital Region  
Kat Koppett-Capital Region  
Nahal Navidar-Capital Region  
Jamuna Yvette Sirker-Berkshires  
Susan Dworkin-Berkshires

**Directors:**

Michael Burns-Artistic Director, MOPCO-Capital Region  
Mark Fleischer- Producing Artistic Director, Adirondack Theatre Festival, Capital Region  
Maggie Mancinelli-Cahill- Artistic Director, Capital Repertory Theatre, Capital Region  
Corinna May - Berkshires-based Director/actor/playwright-Berkshires  
Catherine Taylor Williams-Artistic Director, Wharton Salon-Berkshires

**Designers:**

Juliana Haubrich-Scenic-Berkshires  
Nick Webb-Lights-Berkshires  
Brad Berridge-Sound (Composer)-Berkshires  
Jan Jurchak-Sound-Capital Region  
Mark Meritt-Live Musician/Composer-Capital Region

**Stage Managers:**

Margaret Hall-Capital Region  
Abigail Elwood-Berkshires

**Actors:**

David Bunce-Capital Region  
Joan Coombs-Berkshires  
Emily Curro-Berkshires  
Peter Delocis- Capital Region  
Tim Dugan-Capital Region  
Emma Dweck-Berkshires  
David Girard-Capital Region  
Karen Lee- Berkshires  
Alexandra Lincoln-Berkshires  
Yvonne Perry-Capital Region  
Todd Quick-Berkshires  
Stephanie Remmert-Capital Region  
Tony Rivera-Capital Region  
John Romeo-Capital Region  
Carrie Saldo-Berkshires  
Eileen Schuyler-Capital Region  
Enrico Spada-Berkshires  
Kaitlyn Stewart-Capital Region  
Adam Sugarman-Berkshires  
Anne Undeland-Berkshires  
Kevin Craig West-Capital Region

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