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PITTSBURGH NEW WORKS FESTIVAL NEW LOCATION ROCKS!

Theatre Festival Relocates to McKees Rocks

PITTSBURGH – July 6, 2009 – The Pittsburgh New Works Festival proudly announces that it will present its 19th season of original one-act plays at its new home: the Father Ryan Arts Center in McKees Rocks, just 3 miles from Station Square.

The Father Ryan Arts Center provides a clean, bright, venue for the Festival with its 125-seat Bavero Theatre, which features new technical equipment for lighting and sound. The attractive, pleasant building, located at 420 Chartiers Avenue (Route 51), sits amid a thriving business district, with restaurants, banks, and a shopping mall. There is ample free parking nearby, and the location is served by several Port Authority bus lines.

“This location rocks!,” says Festival Director Mindy Rossi-Stabler. “Not only is it a beautiful theatre, it also has a spacious lobby where we can hold the after-theatre parties we call Mingles. And it will be a great spot for auditions in late July.” Auditions for all 12 mainstage productions and six staged readings will take place at Father Ryan Arts Center July 25 and 26.

In its multi-level, state-of-the-art facility, the Father Ryan Arts Center provides outstanding resources in all facets of artistic education, enrichment and entertainment serving residents throughout the region. Among its events this summer are a weekly farmers market, Peace Camp, Girl Scouts of Western Pennsylvania Fit & Fun, and Sto-Rox Library’s weekly “Catch the Music Bug” program of storytelling and performances. The Father Ryan Arts Center is fully accessible to persons with disabilities.

“We are thrilled to be associated with a venue that is so closely tied to the community and where so many good things happen,” says Claire DeMarco, president of PNWF’s Board of Directors.

The Actors Civic Theatre (ACT) company, which is based at the Center, will produce one of PNWF’s staged readings in August. Members of the Father Ryan Arts Center will receive discounts on PNWF tickets.

About PNWF

The Pittsburgh New Works Festival is dedicated to encouraging the development of new plays. During its 19th season, PNWF will present 12 original one-act plays for four consecutive weekends, Sept. 10 through Oct. 4. Plays are produced by local theater companies at Father Ryan Arts Center in McKees Rocks. PNWF would like to thank its 2009 media sponsor, WYEP. For more information, call 412-881-6888 or visit the website at www.pittsburghnewworks.org.

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