



July 28, 2003

White Frost Falls

Quest welcomes you to attend a showcase performance of *White Frost Falls* next Thursday, July 31 at 8:00 PM at Gallaudet University's Elstad Auditorium Black Box. The show features exceptional performances by Quest Affiliate Artists Willy Conley, Mark Jaster, and Shizumi Shigeto Manale. The company flies the following day to participate in QuestFest – Scotland, Quest's three-week presence at the Edinburgh Festival Fringe. Like all of Quest's work this year, QuestFest is dedicated to the memory of Quest Affiliate Artist Mike Lamitola.

Mark Jaster will also perform his delightful one-man show *A Fool Named "O"* at the Fringe. Quest's talented touring ensemble, *Wings* will join the *White Frost Falls* August 10 in Edinburgh. Ramesh Meyyappan (Singapore) and Robert Farmer (Australia), two exceptional solo performers from last summer's Deaf Way II International Arts Festival will flesh out this year's QuestFest.

Thanks to Director of Quest Productions, Paul Harrelson and Web Master, Myra Coffield for the exceptional work that they have done on the QuestFest pages of our website. Take look at www.quest4arts.org. Paul and Production Manager, Fred Noel have done exceptional work in organizing and promoting QuestFest.

QuestFest reflects Quest's ongoing commitment to creating, producing, presenting, and supporting theatre that emanates from a visual base and features casts and production staffs of deaf, hard of hearing, and hearing people.

Gallaudet University is located at 800 Florida Avenue, NE in Washington, DC.

Join the Quest

I am proud of the work Quest is doing. We continue to break new ground and impact lives. I am grateful for the commitment to excellence demonstrated by our artists, designers, technicians, staff members, board members, and volunteers. However, much work is still to be done and we welcome you to join us in that quest by becoming a patron or sponsor.

QuestFest is fully self-produced and is costing the company approximately \$60,000. Other Quest programs such as the Visual Playwrights Retreat, *Wings*, Quest Productions, ArtsBridge along with our arts education efforts also need support.

If your life has been touched by Quest, if you believe in the work that Quest is doing, I encourage you to join the Quest by making a personal contribution. Your gift is tax deductible. Please write your checks to:

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You can designate your support for specific programs such as QuestFest or *Wings*. You can provide general support or contribute to the Mike Lamitola Fund which supports programming for young and emerging theatre artists.

Alice

Thanks to everyone who made the work on this summer's development of *Alice* so successful. We are deeply grateful to Round House Theatre for its continued belief in the project. Nick Olcott and I were blessed to have an outstanding ensemble of actors and a committed support staff. It was a pleasure to see so many people attend the sharing at Round House. The audience discussion after the sharing provided us with valuable feedback. Nick, Round House Artistic Director Jerry Whiddon, and I will be meeting this fall to discuss next steps for the show. Hopefully, you will be seeing a full production of *Alice* in the near future.

Wings

The *Wings* cast performed to a sold out audience at Harmony Hall in Fort Washington, Maryland this week. Our audience was mostly young people between the ages of 3 and 18 attending camp programs run by the Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission. It was a pleasure to sit in the audience and hear the students whisper letters as they watched A-B-C stories and eagerly perform signs in the audience participation parts of the show.

If you would like to book a Quest performance or workshop, contact us at info@quest4arts.org.

I'll be writing to you next from Edinburgh to give you QuestFest updates. I hope to see you next Thursday for the *White Frost Falls* showcase.

Tim McCarty