



As Quest continues to enter this new phase of its journey, we will be returning to our periodic updates to keep you abreast of what we are doing. With so many friends across the world, **Callboard** will serve as an important link to the ever-growing Quest family.

New Website

Check out the new, improved Quest website at www.quest4arts.org. The site more accurately reflects what the company is doing. We'll have new information on the site every week, so please bookmark us. If you have information that you want us to post, please contact us at info@quest4arts.org.

Thanks to Myra Coffield for all of her hard work in getting the site up.

Wings in NYC

The cast of *Wings* along with Quest Production staff members and the cast of the Russian mime company, TOYS recently attended the Association of Performing Arts Presenters National Conference in New York City. Quest is committed to sharing its groundbreaking work in visual theatre and its commitment to employment in the arts for people with disabilities, with the widest possible audience. For several days, the *Wings* and TOYS cast members handed postcards promoting the companies' two showcase performances. One presenter mentioned at our final showcase, "People are talking about you. They say that your cast and your postcards are everywhere!" We took that as a compliment. With 3,000 attendees and hundreds of showcases, the conference is a highly competitive arena and we learned a lot from our trip.

If you would like to book a Quest production, workshop, or residency, contact us at productions@quest4arts.org

Thanks to the *Wings* and TOYS casts for all of their hard work. Our trip to NYC was supported by the Administration on Developmental Disabilities.

The water falls.

Quest's next production is Quest Affiliate Artist, Willy Conley's gripping, psychological drama, *The water falls*. Directed by Affiliate and National Theatre of the Deaf Artistic Director, Mike Lamitola, the show explores a young deaf man's confusion over the loss of his hearing grandfather. *The water falls*. will run the first two weeks in March. More details will appear in later **Callboards** and on our website.

Auditions for *The water falls*. will take place next Tuesday, January 28. The full audition announcement appears on our website at <http://www.quest4arts.org/productions/thewaterfalls/castingcall.htm>

This production is supported by grants from the United States Department of Education and the Mid Atlantic Arts Foundation - Artists and Communities Program.

Quest in Schools

During Mike Lamitola's stay in the area, he will be conducting theatre and creative sign language workshops in area schools. He'll do a one-month residency at Roosevelt High School where he will meet twice a week with sign language students along with deaf and hard of hearing students attending the school. The students will then see a performance of *The water falls*.

On February 12, Mike will be part of an all day celebration of the arts at the National Cathedral School. He'll be leading several acting workshops.

On February 27, the *Wings* cast will be showcasing their work in Howard County Maryland.

Quest at the Fringe

Quest's productions of *Wings* and *White Frost Falls* will each give two-week runs at the Edinburgh Theatre Fringe Festival in Edinburgh, Scotland. The Fringe is the largest theatre festival in the world. Quest will also be providing support to deaf theatre companies and storytellers who participated in the Deaf Way II International Arts Festival last summer. We are hoping for a strong presence at the Fringe to share the work of exceptional deaf artists on the world's largest stage.

Community Outreach Committee

Quest community volunteers will be back in action again to support *The water falls*. Committee Chairperson, Liz Hill will be sending out an announcement soon. If you would like to volunteer, contact Liz at volunteer@quest4arts.org

Looking Ahead

We're in the process of planning productions and new works development for the next two years. We welcome your input to the process. We are preparing a survey that we'll send out to you shortly. Your ideas and suggestions are important to us.

That's it for now. Don't forget to check out our website, <http://www.quest4arts.org/>

Thanks,

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