



May 5, 2004

Visual Playwrights Retreat

We are now accepting applications for this summer's Visual Playwrights Retreat, which is slated for July 5 – 16 at Gallaudet University in Washington, DC. After the success of last year's experience we are looking forward to working with three new playwrights who will have an opportunity to learn about visual theatre and explore ways to incorporate visual elements into their scripts. Quest Affiliate Artist, Willy Conley is the retreat's director and Miriam Ganz serves as the coordinator. We are particularly excited about our faculty for this summer: Eric Beatty, Peter Cook, Juanita Rockwell.

Information and the application about the retreat is available on the Quest website at <http://www.quest4arts.org/company/retreat.htm>

Wings Company Auditions and Performances

Quest is seeking actors for its *Wings* Company, an ensemble of deaf and hearing performers. *Wings* is Quest's touring company. The company performs locally, nationally, and internationally. In the past year, *Wings* has performed in Scotland, The Czech Republic, and Austria. The company is looking for additional performers to learn the *Wings*' repertoire and prepare for June and July paid performances at Gallaudet University, Salisbury University, York College, and ArtsScape.

Auditions will take place May 11 at 8:00 PM at the Gallaudet University Elstad Auditorium, 800 Florida Avenue, NE in Washington.

All actors auditioning for the show must have strong movement skills. Quest is specifically looking for:

- Deaf males and females who can move and sign.
- Hearing males and females who can move and sing. Signing skills are not required, but welcomed.

For more information about the auditions, contact Assistant Director, Miriam Ganz at mganz@quest4arts.org. For more information about Quest and Quest Productions visit the company's website at www.quest4arts.org. The site features several journals of *Wings* tours.

The company is looking forward to the American Premier of its new show, *Mosaic*. Conceived and directed by the company's assistant director, Miriam Ganz and under

the guidance of sign master, Laurie Anderson, *Mosaic* enjoyed its world premier last month in Vienna, Austria. The company will perform *Mosaic* and material from *Road Signs* at Gallaudet University's Elstad Auditorium, June 11 and 12. We will provide ticket information at a later date.

The company will also perform at Salisbury University (*Mosaic*: July 11), York College (*Road Signs/Mosaic*: July 16), Baltimore's ArtsScape Festival (*Mosaic*: July 18).

Community Events

Planning Continues for Quest's Community Events. The Olympic Event will take place August 7 at Saint Theodore's Greek Orthodox Church in Greenbelt, Maryland. We will be sending out invitations and announcements about that shortly. It looks like it going to be wonderful time so please hold the date.

We are looking for sponsorships from restaurants and beverage companies. So if you have any ideas or contacts, please let us know. We are also looking for corporate title sponsors for the event. We welcome your suggestions. Contact us at info@quest4arts.org.

The Family Grows

The McCarty family and the Quest family have a new member. Mason Brian McCarty-Cogis arrived early Tuesday morning. Mom and Mason are doing fine (His grandmother and grandfather are pretty darn excited.). You can have a glimpse of the young man on our website at <http://www.quest4arts.org/company/mason.htm>