



# The Prompter

THE NEWSLETTER FOR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF HOVEY PLAYERS

## Auditions: *Looking for Normal* by Jane MacDonald.

Roy and Irma have been married for twenty-five years. They have two children. They live in the heartland of America. They're respected members of their church and their community. When Roy and Irma go to their pastor for marriage counseling, Roy confesses that he's a woman trapped in a man's body and would like to have a sex change. As would be expected, Irma throws Roy out of the house. But their bond as a couple is stronger than either of them imagined, and eventually Irma finds a way to make peace with this unfathomable situation and accept her transformed husband as her lifelong mate. They not only have to wrestle with the meaning of their marriage, they must deal with the delicate dynamics of their traditional and conservative family as well. Roy is burdened by his father's stubborn assessment of his manhood and his mother's sad acceptance of life's cruelties. Irma, in the midst of menopause, is struggling with her adolescent tomboy daughter, Patty Ann, who is raging against the injustices of her own budding hormones. And the grown and absent son, Wayne, who has always bemoaned his father's emotional limitations, is now outraged by his father's desire to be a woman. Overseeing it all is Roy's legendary grandmother, who left her husband and son to pursue her own sexual and emotional needs. The play explores the complexities of marriage, family and deconstructs the very notion of love.

Auditions for *Looking for Normal* by Jane MacDonald, directed by Michelle M. Aguillon will be March 14 and 15, 2005 at 7:00 pm. Auditions will consist of readings from the script. Performance dates are May 6-21, 2005. The play is available for purchase at Dramatists Playwrights at [www.dramatists.com](http://www.dramatists.com).

All roles are open:

Roy Applewood: mid-late 40s

Irma Applewood: mid-late 40s

Patty Ann Applewood, their daughter: early teens

Wayne Applewood, their son: early 20s

Frank, Roy's best friend

Reverend Muncie

Roy's Mother

Roy's Father

Roy's Grandmother

If you didn't have a chance to see *Five Women Wearing the Same Dress* by Alan Ball, you missed out on a great play. Gordon Ellis's first time directing resulted in an outstanding play with many thoughtful and funny moments.

With Edwin Batch as Tripp, Rachel Carney as Frances, Sara Jones as Mindy, Gail Bishop Nessman as Georgeanne, Mary Kate Rod as Meredith and Melissa Sine as Trisha, this cast stepped right into their roles and presented us with a fabulous play with great interaction.

Add in the great costumes by Kimberlie H.O. Jones, a set with the biggest bed ever made by Ben Aldrich, and the great lighting by Jonathan Kemble, and you come up with a great production.

"It all adds up to a clear-eyed, darkly humorous look at five lives in flux," says Denise Taylor of *The Boston Globe*. All in all, it was a great show to start off the new year, and thanks to all those who participated and came to watch.

---Jeremy Medicus, Producer

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***NOW APPEARING...The Fall of the House of Usher by Jack Neary.***

Directed by John Mackenzie. Produced by Michelle M. Aguilon.

PERFORMANCE DATES: March 11, 12, 18, 19, 24, 25 & 26, 2005 at 8 pm and March 20, 2005 at 2 pm.

DESCRIPTION: *The Fall of The House of Usher*, adaptation by Jack Neary from the Edgar Allan Poe short story. Directed by John MacKenzie. Cast includes: Ted Batch - Shaughnessey; Timothy Dargon - Roderick; Christine Frydenborg - Madeline; Eric Houghton - James; Katie Kuhl - Claire; Tracy Nygard - Fiona; Steve Turner - Tremblay.

Please join us for the Cast and Crew Opening Night Party on Friday, March 11th at In Blossom Garden Store, catered by Baan Thai Restaurant. Refreshments will be served. Friends and family are all welcome to attend after the show!

**For ticket reservations...**Tickets are \$15, Seniors/Students \$13. For reservations call (781) 893-9171 or go to [www.hoveyplayers.com](http://www.hoveyplayers.com).

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