



# The Prompter

THE NEWSLETTER FOR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF HOVEY PLAYERS

## LOTN Soars! by M. Aguilon

Timberlake Wertenbaker's obscure yet astonishing contemporary reworking of the ancient Greek tragedy of sisters Philomele and Procne, *The Love of the Nightingale*, finished out yet another successful season at Hovey Players in May 2004. *Nightingale* was well received and critically acclaimed - its story simply told with colorful and sleek costumes set against the starkness of a dark set and moveable black flats, creatively directed by first-time Hovey director, Luke Dennis. He led a talented cast, which included: Dorothy Ahle, Sujoy De, Sally Dennis, Kathryn Holland, Mark Lessne, Brian Polak, Donna Spurlock, Renee Tyzbir, Julia Van Daam, Wayne Vargas, Nora Jane Williams, and Christopher Wrenn. Hovey Players would like to thank Luke and the *Nightingale* cast for all of their hard work and a job well done – congratulations!

Hovey Players would like to recognize the following individuals and organizations whose contribution to the production is greatly appreciated: Michael Tonner, technical director; lighting designer, Jeremy Medicus; photography & program cover by Daameon Pratt; stage manager, Sarah Simons; AJ LaDuke, lighting operator; Helene Andersson & Gabrielle Hatcher, house managers; and costumes by Katie Pearson. Also thanks to Bob Allen, Shannon Allen, Leigh Berry, Justin Budinoff, Michael Corbett, Karen Dervin, Gordon Ellis, Lissi Engvall, Eric Houghton, Nicholas Koneski, John MacKenzie, Kate Mahoney, Genevieve McCullough, Sandie MacNeal, Matt Silverstein, Kate & James Tonner, Mistrs Pearson, Wolfson & Murphy, Chalee & Baan Thai, Webb Tilney & Boston Auditions, Michael & Elissa of In Blossom Garden Store, the Eastern Massachusetts Association of Community Theaters (EMACT), the Independent Reviewers of New England (IRNE), Ronni Marshak & M.I.T. Community Players, Juree James & New England Theatre 411, JulieAnn Govang & New England Entertainment Digest, Stage Source, Larry Stark & Theatre Mirror, the Waldorf School and all of our box office and concessions volunteers.

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## Summer Shorts Line-Up...

**Slot A: Thurs, Aug 26 & Sat, Sept 4**  
**Don't Asp, Don't Tell** by George Sauer  
**Next Fall At Drumlin** by Tom Berry  
**The Thing About Ballast** by Susan Leonard  
**Anita's War** by George Masselam  
**Your Kiss is on My List** by Christopher Lockheart  
**Ma, In Her Kerchief** by Janet Kenney  
MINI MUSICAL

**SLOT B: Fri, Aug 27 & Thurs, Sept 2**  
**Seriously** by Laura DeCesare  
**A Bloomsbury Proposal** by Carl Rossi  
**Random Selection** by Gail Phaneuf  
**Famous with a Small "f"** by Robert L. Mattson  
**Salvation** by Donna Sorbello  
**The Klezmer Cowboy** by Monica Bauer  
MINI MUSICAL

**SLOT C: Sat, Aug 28 & Fri, Sept 3**  
**Help Wanted** by GERALYN HORTON  
**The Game Of Life** by Mark Baumhardt  
**At The Stroke Of Marmalade** by Jena Lustbader  
**Wounds** by Frank Shefton  
**Keeper of the Curse** by Jack Neary  
**Point-Counterpoint** by Patrick Brennan  
MINI MUSICAL

**Mini Musical #1: Romance 101** by Jerry Bisantz and Steve Gilbane will perform Thursday, August 26, Friday, August 27 and Saturday, September 4.

**Mini Musical #2: The Purloined Painting** by Sarah Newcomb and Shari Ajemian will perform Saturday, August 28, Thursday, September 2 and Friday, September 3.

<b>Where To Find Us</b>	
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## Annual Meeting to be held August 13 at the Abbott Memorial Theater

Hovey Players cordially invite all members and friends to join us for our Annual Meeting to be held August 13 at 7:00 p.m. at the Abbott Memorial Theater.

This year's event will include an overview of business including the election and re-election of the 2004-2005 Hovey Board Members, a wine and cheese reception to be held across the street by our supporters, In Blossom, and a presentation of *Todd and Guy Go Camping*, a short play directed by Hovey President, Michelle M. Aguillon, and starring Hovey members, Patrick Flanagan, Michael Corbett, and Claude Del.

We will also be thanking our generous corporate benefactors who have given us a tremendous amount of support this year: Damian Pratt of RabidSkunk Photography, Chalee of Baan Thai Restaurant and Michael and Elissa Adler of In Blossom.

Please join us as we reflect on our recent accomplishments and embrace our challenging and exciting 2004-2005 season.

## Hovey Players Fundraiser: Steven Collins as Walt Whitman

*Stop this day and night with me and you shall possess the origin of all poems,  
You shall possess the good of the earth and sun,  
(there are millions of suns left.)  
You shall no longer take things at second or third hand, nor look through the eyes of the dead, nor feed on the spectres in books,  
You shall not look through my eyes either, nor take things from me,  
You shall listen to all sides and filter them from your self.*  
— Walt Whitman

Hovey Players presents Stephen Collins, in his one-man show about the life and times of the great American poet, Walt Whitman. Tickets to this special fundraising event are \$15.00 each.

Performances are Fridays and Saturdays, October 8, 9, 15 and 16 at 8:00 p.m. Mr. Collins will hold a question and answer period after each performance.

Please join us for the opening night wine and cheese reception on Friday, October 8th after the show. For reservations please call (781) 893-9171.

**Hovey Players participated in the 51st Annual EACT Festival in May with our production of *G.R. Point*, directed by Michelle M. Aguillon. Congratulations are in order for the following awards and nominations:**

**Award: Best Stage Manager—Shannon Allen**  
**Nominations: Best Hair and Makeup Design—Helene Andersson**  
**Best Costume Design—Helene Andersson**  
**Best Lighting Design—John Mackenzie**  
**Best Supporting Actor—Patrick Flanagan for his portrayal of Zan.**

**We are so proud to have been participants in the Festival and to have been recognized for our efforts!**

# SUBSCRIBE TO OUR SENSATIONAL 2004-2005 SEASON AND SAVE!

## Our 2004-2005 Season

9/17/04—10/2/04  
**Taming of the Shrew**  
 by William Shakespeare  
 Directed by Wayne Vargas

11/12/04—11/27/04  
**Scotland Road**  
 by Jeffrey Hatcher  
 Directed by Lissi Engvall

1/15/05—1/29/05  
**Five Women Wearing  
 the Same Dress**  
 by Alan Ball  
 Directed by Gordon Ellis

3/11/05—3/26/05  
**The Fall of the House of Usher**  
 by Jack Neary  
 Directed by John MacKenzie

5/6/05—5/21/05  
**Looking For Normal**  
 by Jane MacDonald  
 Directed by Michelle Aguillon

Summer 2005  
**Summer Shorts 2005**  
**A Festival of New Works**  
 by Local Authors  
 (Festival admission is not  
 included in subscription price)

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Your subscription includes: 1 admission to each of our 5 regular productions and your annual membership dues.

\* *Hovey's success depends on the generosity of our patrons and friends. Additional contributions are always appreciated and are tax-deductible.*

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 Waltham, MA 02454-0101

For more information about subscriptions and membership benefits, please contact the Board of Directors at theater@hoveyplayers.com.

Hovey Players would like to thank Moose Hall in Waltham for providing us with a spacious and convenient rehearsal facility as we prepared for our participation in the 51st Annual EMACT Festival.

**Their generosity and support is greatly appreciated!**

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## **NOW APPEARING AT TURTLE LANE PLAYHOUSE...**

***The 8th Annual Hovey Summer Shorts Festival.***

**Produced by Helene Andersson and Festival Coordinator, Jerry Bisantz.**

PERFORMANCE DATES and LOCATION: Performances are August 26, 27 and 28 and September 2, 3 and 4 at 8:00pm. (See Page 1 of [The Prompter](#) for a breakdown of each slot.) The festival will be held at Turtle Lane Playhouse, Melrose Street, Auburndale.

THE FESTIVAL: A reluctant businessman at an airport terminal is sent on a life or death mission... a guilt-ridden man breaks into the Red Sox front office with "the curse" in his briefcase...a woman bargains with a Jewish cowboy for her son's Bar Mitzvah...these and many other silly, moving, strange and vivid tales will be presented by Boston's finest talent in The 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Hovey Summer Shorts Festival. Featuring the area's top playwrights, the festival is an explosion of writing, acting, songwriting, and singing talent presented in six evenings from August 26 through September 4.

Performed over two weekends and divided into three programs, each evening consists of six ten-minute plays, four original songs by local composers, and a twenty minute mini-musical...all original, all fresh, and all performed by the quality acting and singing talent that is synonymous with the Hovey Players and Turtle Lane Playhouse.

The "Hub of the Universe" has some of the best playwriting talent in the country, and Summer Shorts will put it all out there for you with productions that will expand your theatrical world. Settle in...enjoy a drink at our bar, grab a seat in the air-conditioned comfort of Turtle Lane Playhouse, and enjoy what Larry Stark of Theatermirror called "...the best damn theater doing what they do best...!"

**For ticket reservations...**please call the Turtle Lane Box Office **(617) 244-0169**. Tickets are \$15.00, no exceptions. Please note that the Hovey Players Box Office will not be taking reservations for this event.