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En Avant Playwrights

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The Sixth Annual Midtown International Theater Festival

Presents

GRIEVING FOR GENEVIEVE

A new play by Kathleen Warnock

Directed by Peter Bloch

Performances Begin Friday, July 22nd

At The Jewel Box Theater, 312 W. 36th St. 4th Fl.

En Avant Playwrights will present Kathleen Warnock's new play *GRIEVING FOR GENEVIEVE*, a comedy about a dysfunctional family dealing with a wedding. Performances will be at the Jewel Box Theater, 312 West 36th Street (between 8th and 9th Avenues), 4th Floor, and will begin Friday, July 22nd.

GRIEVING FOR GENEVIEVE tells the story of the Peck sisters and their mother who gather for middle sister Delilah's wedding. It's her third try but it may not be the charm. Oldest sister, Danni, the one who lives in New York (and doesn't talk about her personal life) arrives unexpectedly. She's not in the wedding, but youngest sister Angel, a nun, is. Their mother Genevieve, a retired nurse and full-time quilt merchant, wants all her girls to pull together and help each other out with the wedding. Suddenly they have to, but for a completely different reason.

The author of *GRIEVING FOR GENEVIEVE* is Kathleen Warnock, a founding member of En Avant, which has produced her plays *Not at Home*, *Rocks in the Bed* and *A Bushel of Crabs*. She is also a member playwright of TOSOS2 Theater (NY), which presented a staged reading of *The Audience* in May 2005. Her other plays include *The Space Between Heartbeats* (HomoGenius 2002; Short & Girlie, London, 2004), *I'm Gonna Run Away* (winner, Audience Favorite, Turnip Theater Festival, NY), *To the Top* (winner, South Carolina Playwrights Festival, Trustus Theater). *Rocks in the Bed* (Dramatic Publishing) and *Around the Horn* (New Work from the 2004 Festival) are published in anthologies. Some of her other plays have been performed recently in New York, Provincetown, Tampa, Boiling Springs, NC, Washington, D.C., and Dublin, GA. Forthcoming productions are in San Francisco and Somerville, MA. She is a winner of the John Golden Award at Hunter College, and a member of the Dramatists Guild. This production is being paid for with winnings from the television show "Who Wants To Be A Millionaire?"

The director of *GRIEVING FOR GENEVIEVE*, Peter Bloch, won SpotlightOn's Best Director of a Short Play award for Ed Valentine's *Snipe Hunt*, part of "Monster in the Closet," which won the SpotlightOn Award for Best Evening of Short Plays. The cast of *GRIEVING FOR GENEVIEVE* will feature Jo Anne Bonn (Stages Theatre, The National Arts Club), Derin Altay (*Evita* on Broadway), Karen Stanion (independent feature *Deadly Obsessions*) and Susan Barnes Walker (York Shakespeare Company, Mirror Repertory Company).

GRIEVING FOR GENEVIEVE will begin performances on Friday, July 22nd and the schedule will be as follows:

Friday, July 22nd @ 5:30PM

Saturday, July 23rd @ 3:30PM

Thursday, July 28th @ 5:30PM

Sunday, July 31st @ 7:30PM

Friday, August 5th @ 9:30PM

Saturday, August 6th @ 5:30PM

Tickets will be \$15, students and seniors, \$12 and may be purchased by calling Smarttix at (212) 868-4444. Photos will be available for download at www.brettsinger.com/clients/grieving.html.

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