

From Shelterbelt With Love returns with 9 brand new plays! Ranging from tender to tense to hilarious, you will find a lot to love in these plays. Directed by veterans Sonia Keffer and Julia Hinson, and by relative newcomer Liz Mulhern, these plays will touch your heart and tickle your funny bone.

"The shows this year have a heavy dose of humor, which I think everyone needs," says Craig Bond, producer. "There are a couple that are more serious, but even the ones dealing with breakups have some really funny moments, and there are a couple of this year's plays that will definitely have the crowd in hysterics. This is also a larger cast than we have had in years past, due to the variety of casting requirements in the shows, and I think the audience will find that refreshing and interesting. We have quite a few returning actors, and a good group of folks new to the Shelterbelt."

The plays in the show are a result of careful screening and reading of over 100 scripts submitted to the Shelterbelt from around the world. "Our reading committee, headed by McClain Smouse, does a great job of sorting through hundreds of scripts throughout the year to find the best ones to present," says Bond. "Our artistic director, Ellen Struve, also makes every effort to include local and regional playwrights." This year's show features scripts by Omaha playwrights Amy Lane and Liz Mulhern.

more information at www.shelterbelt.org/FSWL11.html

The cast includes: Liah Burke, Colleen O'Doherty, Robin Payton, Kate Simmons, Vanessa Strazdas, Devin Tumpkin, Myles Dabbs, Caleb Glazeski, Jesse Hapke, Matt Hemingway, Jay Huse, Michael Lane, John Payton, Demian Ryder, and Mark Vondrasek.
The crew includes: Stage manager Crystal Hagerman; Set and Lighting designer Matt DeNoncour; Sound designer Dave Podendorf; booth operator Nellie Chenoweth; Reservation/Box/Bar manager Ellen Struve; Producers Craig Bond and Andy Niess.

From Shelterbelt With Love runs Jan 19 - Feb 12, 2012
TAG Nite Out preview on Thursday Jan 19
Thurs-Sat at 8 pm; Sunday Jan 22 & 29 at 6 pm;
Sunday Feb 5 & 12 at 2 pm.
\$15 adult, \$12 student/senior/TAG member
\$10 opening weekend; \$10 Thursdays and Sundays
Special \$7.50 adult, \$6 student/senior/TAG Sunday Feb 5

RESERVATIONS: buy tickets online at www.shelterbelt.org or call 402-341-2757

PLAY LIST and brief synopsis:

Fighting Mr. Right, by Barbara Lindsay - all's fair in love and war...and love
Rosemilk, by Amy Lane - love, senses, and a writer's inspiration
An Old Album - a has-been star, a fan, and an unlikely love story
An Only Slightly Foreign Domestic Issue, by Liz Mulhern - an out-of-this-world romance
Pigeons in Love, by Jeff Carter - a window ledge, a possible breakup...what could go wrong?
Circle Dance, by John C. Davenport - lovers match wits on the dance floor
Birds of a Feather, by Nathaniel Lachenmeyer - you can't spell "love" without "ornithologist"
The Secret Life of Water, by Charles Lear - what happens when you lose that spark?
Four Dry Tongues, by Alex Dremann - small spaces and large sexual appetites

From Shelterbelt With Love 11 play summaries
Shelterbelt Theatre Jan 19-Feb 12, 2012
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Barbara Lindsay – Fighting Mister Right
Shoreline, WA 98155
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A woman with a very unusual prerequisite for physical affection spells out the rules to her most recent blind date - and finally finds a match, in a most unexpected and surprising way.

Amy Lane - Rosemilk
alane@omahaplayhouse.com

Omaha, NE

A writer who is being stalked by excessive inspiration wherever he goes decides to go on a blind date. Surprisingly, he finds a new source of motivation, and a new voice for his writing.

Richard Paul Klein – An Old Album

Fall River WI 53932

rpaulklein@gmail.com

A washed-up singer visits an ailing fan and her daughter. The encounter brings up old memories, and changes them all.

Liz Mulhern – An Only Slightly Foreign Domestic Issue

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Omaha, NE 68104

A seemingly ordinary couple faces a seemingly ordinary and joyful bit of news, but a surprising revelation changes everything.

Jeff Carter – Pigeons in Love

San Francisco, CA 94102

jeffvcarter@yahoo.com

Over morning coffee, a routine conversation turns into an argument, which reveals some deep-seated problems which fracture the veneer of a relationship. Pigeons and a window ledge play their part in the breakup.

John C. Davenport – Circle Dance

Seattle, Wash. 98119

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A verbal sparring match between two potential lovers is as much a battle of will as a battle of wits. The dance floor makes for an unusual courtship.

Nathaniel Lachenmeyer – Birds of a Feather

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Two ornithologists in search of a rare bird find more than they bargained for, and perhaps feelings for each other, and an unusual bird sanctuary caretaker reveals a shocking secret.

CHARLES LEAR – The Secret Life of Water

NY, NY

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A tropical vacation, intestinal distress, and a scientific discuss of the emotional capacity of water - not the usual setting for a couple finding themselves heading opposite directions in a relationship.

Alex Dremann – Four Dry Tongues

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A hilarious look at what might happen in a small space, when four friends with very different, and sometimes polar opposite, sexual appetites suddenly find themselves with perfect alignment of desires.