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FIFTY-SIX PLAYS SELECTED FOR GREAT PLAINS THEATRE CONFERENCE

OMAHA, Neb. – Metropolitan Community College's Great Plains Theatre Conference announced selected playwrights for this year's Conference from 17 states and Canada. Those playwrights who take advantage of this prestigious selection will experience a valuable opportunity to meet and interact with peers from around the country during the week-long conference in Omaha.

More than 400 plays were submitted for an opportunity for a reading and feedback from national playwrights and theatre professionals. Fifty-six plays were selected and will be featured at this year's Great Plains Theatre Conference, May 23-30, 2009.

- Brainard – Leopold Kovar
- Crete – Brian Varvaro
- Lincoln – Norman Simon and Rosalie Vetter
- Omaha – Benjamin Beck, Beaufield Berry, Benjamin Graber, Kendall Gray, Jack Loscutoff, Mary Nagle, Michael Oatman, Madeline Radcliff, Katie Spicka, Ellen Struve, J.B. Tyson, Christopher Villarreal, Molly Welsh, and Andrew Yolland

The mission of the Great Plains Theatre Conference is to recognize the work of renowned American playwrights while at the same time fostering the work of new and emerging playwrights. The creative goals of the Conference are threefold: to nurture new playwrights giving them the opportunity to have their work performed and to study with and receive thoughtful feedback from experienced theatre professionals; to be a place where emerging and more accomplished playwrights can workshop their new work and receive attention from national theater professionals; and to be a catalyst for vibrant new work to be released onto the national theatre scene.

For more information on the 2009 Great Plains Theatre Conference, visit www.mccneb.edu/theatreconference or call (402) 457-2618.