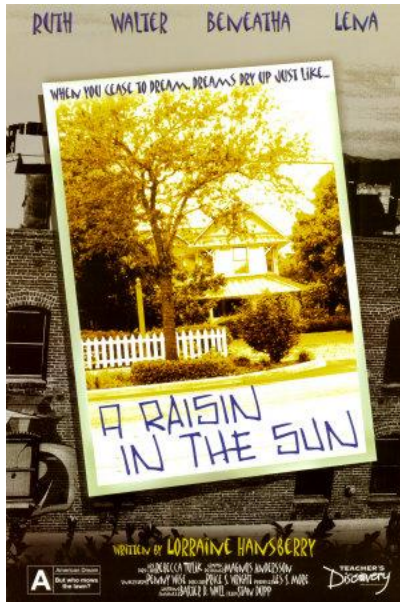




# Weston Playhouse Theatre Company 2010 *PAGE TO STAGE*

## Call for Applicants Deadline: June 1, 2010



The 2010 Page to Stage project is based on Arthur Miller's classic American drama,

## **DEATH OF A SALESMAN**

*DEATH OF A SALESMAN* is the Weston Playhouse Theatre Company's Fall 2010 school matinee and touring production.

### PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:

Page to Stage "Open Stages" offers middle and high school students the opportunity experience the power of transforming a script into a living work of theatre through independent exploration and close work with professional theatre artists.

Focusing on the script for WPTC's annual school matinee performances, the program provides an in-depth, performance-based introduction to the play and its themes, as well as the process of bringing a script to life.

Schools receive two classroom visits in the early fall by WPTC artist/teachers who work with students to stage short scenes from the school matinee-selected play. Participating students and teachers are provided copies of the script, and teachers attend a special spring workshop, in which they will receive a study guide and assistance with the program. Faculty members are responsible for rehearsing the students between WPTC visits, building on the principles established in the in-school sessions and spring teacher workshop. Schools are encouraged to share these scenes in classroom



Green Mountain Union High School students perform scenes from "*MASTER HAROLD*"...and the boys on the Weston stage, 2007

settings, school-wide assemblies, and/or with middle and lower school students.

Page to Stage schools are invited to a special evening performance (Sept 27, 2010 at the Paramount Theatre in Rutland) in which selected scenes from each school are rehearsed and presented that evening on the set of the WPTC production, followed by a discussion with the Playhouse director and cast. Parents and faculty are invited to attend the scene presentations, and a color photograph is taken of the school groups with the WPTC cast on the set.



Maple Street School students and faculty with the cast of *AS YOU LIKE IT*, 2008

The students and faculty are then invited to attend the following day's student matinee performance (Sept 28, 2010, Paramount Theatre, Rutland) at no charge. After they have viewed the WPTC production, participating schools receive a final class visit to discuss production elements, process, interpretation, and the difference between what is written on the page and what is performed on a stage. Certificates are issued upon completion.

### **ELIGIBILITY AND SELECTION:**

Up to three Vermont schools are chosen annually to participate.

- Vermont middle and high schools, both public and private, are eligible to apply.
- Class size per school should be 10-20, and involve no more than two teachers.
- Applicants must certify that they are able to structure class time and transportation to accommodate the needs of the program.
- Schools that have not previously participated will receive preference
- Finalists are chosen by the WPTC education staff. Selected schools will be announced by June 4, 2010.

### **SUBMITTING AN APPLICATION:**

- Complete and return the application form on or before June 1, 2010 (Materials received after that date will not be considered). A maximum of one additional page of narrative may be attached.
- The application must be signed by both the applicant teacher and the school principal or headmaster to certify authorization for the allocation of class time required for full participation (classroom discussion, rehearsal time, and school matinee performance), funding, plus necessary transportation to the Weston Playhouse.
- Please submit application via mail or delivery service. Faxes and e-mails will not be accepted.

**FEES:** Subsidized by grant funding, the cost per school for 2010 is \$500, which includes tickets for your class to the evening performance. Fee must be received in full by September 1, 2010. WPTC can offer assistance and ideas for helping schools meet the cost.

For more information about **Page to Stage** and other Education and Outreach programs, contact Cathy Bagwell Marsh, at 802-824-8167 x105 or [cbmarsh@westpnplayhouse.org](mailto:cbmarsh@westpnplayhouse.org), or visit the WPTC web site at [www.westonplayhouse.org](http://www.westonplayhouse.org)