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MARY SCHERER-EMUNDS DIRECTS THE AFTERLIFE IN "POSTHUMOROUS"
AT VILLAGE PLAYERS

(OAK PARK, IL)--Village Players Theatre is excited to present "Posthumorous", a special event in the intimate studio space which opens on Friday, November 13 2009 at 7:30pm. Director Mary Scherer-Emunds' wide range of experience will be sure to heighten the laughter level in this comedy of death and discovery.

Scherer-Emunds has worked in community theatre and television in places as far as Bonn, Germany and Nagoya, Japan. This is her first time directing in Oak Park, her home for the last 21 years. Scherer-Emunds teaches theatre, video production, and digital photography at Proviso Math and Science Academy in Forest Park. Her recent directing credits include *The Crucible*, *The Good Times Are Killing Me*, *On the Edge*, *Sure Thing*, *Spoon River Anthology*, *Small World*, and as assistant director, *Working*.

Scherer-Emunds says playwright Michael Flanagan "takes us on journey into [1969] and into his fanciful vision of an afterlife where people dance, sing, argue, love, and play practical jokes on the living. [Posthumorous is] a highly entertaining journey." Scherer-Emunds is certain audiences will enjoy this journey with the very eccentric characters.

Dexter Twain has planned a funeral of discovery for his friends in rural Minnesota. His death has left a lot of questions that need to be answered, and many answers left in fortune cookies. As Dexter meets up with his parents and other friends in the afterlife, it turns out he has a lot to discover himself as his funeral approaches. This comedy, with its hilarious twists and turns, will be sure to keep audience members laughing.

"Posthumorous" is written by Michael Flanagan. The cast includes Paul Chakrin, Danon Dastugue, Jonathan Franklin, Dale Glanzman, Amy Malouf, Jolaine Orlin, Maryann Romano and Joel Thompson. Whitney Powell stage manages this production, and Jeanne Petruzzelli is the Costume Designer.

"Posthumorous" previews on Thursday, November 12th, at 7:30. It opens Friday, November 13th and closes Sunday, November 22nd 2009. It plays on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays at 7:30pm and Sundays at 2:30pm. Tickets are \$20, seniors 65 and over and students with a valid I.D. are \$16. Group rates are available for parties of six or more. All performances will be found at the Village Players Performing Arts Center, 1010 Madison St., Oak Park. The theater is near the Harlem exit of I-290 and is also accessible by the CTA Green and Blue lines. Plenty of parking is available on the street. The theater is handicapped accessible but please do call ahead to arrange for special seating. You can find more information by calling 866-764-1010 or visiting www.village-players.org.

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About Village Players:

Village Players Theater, a non-profit organization founded in 1961, promotes the arts through theatrical productions and educational programs that encourage cultural understanding and embrace diversity in the Village of Oak Park and the surrounding communities. With this strong foundation, Village Players Theater plans on expanding the definition of the New American Classic to Oak Park, Chicago, and all the surrounding communities. Village Players Theater is a member of the League of Chicago Theatres, Illinois Theater Association and the West Suburban Theatre Connection.