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## What are you going to audition for?

*Our Spring 2007 Semester Production line-up...*

### *The Actor's Nightmare* by Christopher Durang

George wanders on stage and is told that Eddie had a car accident and he has to replace him in the show that evening. George isn't sure he's an actor and no one seems to know what the play is. George finds himself in the middle of three different plays that seem to happen in rotation but in the end fantasy gives way to reality.

### *Proof* by David Auburn

"On the eve of her twenty-fifth birthday, Catherine, a troubled young woman, has spent years caring for her brilliant but unstable father, a famous mathematician. Now, following his death, she must deal with her own volatile emotions; the arrival of her estranged sister, Claire; and the attentions of Hal, a former student of her father's who hopes to find valuable work in the 103 notebooks that her father left behind. Over the long weekend that follows, a burgeoning romance and the discovery of a mysterious notebook draw Catherine into the most difficult problem of all: How much of her father's madness-or genius-will she inherit?" (Dramatists Play Service, Inc. Catalog)

### *Fitting Rooms* by Susan Cinoman

Susan Cinoman's *Fitting Rooms* looks at women's relationships in the context of a boutique fitting room. Conversations mirror the activity of trying on clothes as three pairs of women engage in self-discovery.

### *The Mineola Twins* by Paula Vogel

"...floating above the ostensible story of twin sisters who take opposite paths in life is an allegory of the last half century of our crazed and splintering socio-politics, while deep down are hints of a buried prototype...one of those '50s teen chick-exploitation flicks contrasting a "good" and a "bad" girl...Vogel succeeds in creating an event that's at once frothily light and almost bewilderingly dense...one-liners are dropped casually in and left to detonate, key bits of narrative are elliptically jumped over. Between trying to catch the jokes as they whiz by and filling in the data blanks, you get an effect like that of anti-intellectually provocative video game: the effort it takes is repaid by the fun you have keeping up with it." (Village Voice)

### *Gary Grinklie's Battles With Wrinkles and Other Troubles in Mudgeville* by Stefan Graves Lanfer

In most towns you can meet people in public places. But in Mudgeville you can't meet anyone at any of these places. Mudgeville is an unusual town, where fears-big and small, real and imagined-keep everyone hidden away in their homes. (grades 1-4)

Call Kat Matassarini at (773) 442-5973 to schedule a performance for your school group.

Don't Miss

### *The Birthday Party*

Remaining Dates:  
December 2, 7-9, 14-16 @ 7:30  
p.m.

### *The Birthday Party*

Cast:

Petey.....Chris Leonard  
Meg.....Kara Ewinger  
Stanley.....Marshall Brown  
Lulu.....Stephanie Wyatt  
Goldberg.....Patrick Garone  
McCann.....Frank Past

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

#### *Auditions for Spring!!!!!!!*

Jan. 16th 1:40-3:00 p.m.  
& 6:00-9:00 p.m.  
Jan. 17th 6:00-9:00 p.m.

#### *The Actor's Nightmare*

February 13 & 15 @  
1:40 & 7:30 p.m.

#### *Proof*

February 22-24 &  
March 1-3 @ 7:30 p.m.

#### *Fitting Rooms*

April 10 & 12 @  
1:40 & 7:30 p.m.

#### *The Mineola Twins*

April 19-21, 26-28 &  
May 3-5 @ 7:30 p.m.

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## Chicago

**American Theater Company**  
*It's a Wonderful Life: A Live Radio Play*  
Opens 12/4 runs through 12/31 at American Theater Company at 1909 W. Byron. 773.929.1031  
www.actweb.org

**Apple Tree Theatre**  
*Mountain*  
Runs through 12/17 at Karger Center in Highland Park. 847.432.4335  
www.appletreetheatre.com

**Steppenwolf Theatre Company**  
*Sonia Flew*  
Runs through 2/4/07 at Steppenwolf Theatre space. 312.335.1650  
www.steppenwolf.org

**Brown Couch Theatre Company**  
*Happy End*  
Runs through 12/30 at the Raven Theatre. 312.409.2010  
www.browncouchtheatre.org

**ETA Creative Arts Foundation**  
*Heat*  
Runs through 1/21/07 at ETA Creative Arts Foundation on Chicago's south side. 773.752.3955  
www.etacreativearts.org

**Gorilla Tango Theatre**  
*An American Carol*  
Runs through 12/16 at Gorilla Tango Theatre. 773.598.4549  
www.gorillatango.com

**500 Clown**  
*500 Clown Christmas*  
Runs through 1/6/07 at Storefront Theatre. 312.742.8497  
www.500clown.com

**Barrel of Monkeys**  
*That's Weird, Grandma*  
Open run @ The Neo-Futurists

## London

**Criterion Theatre**  
*'The 39 Steps'*  
Runs until 1/13/07  
www.londontheatretrickerweb.co.uk/the\_39steps.htm

**Comedy Theatre**  
*Donkeys' Years*  
Runs until 12/16/06  
www.londontheatre.co.uk

**Gielgud Theatre**  
*Frost/Nixon*  
At The Donmar Warehouse  
Runs until 3/2/07  
www.donmarwarehouse.com

**Garrick Theatre**  
*Amy's View*  
Produced by Theatre Royal Bath  
Runs until 3/17/07  
www.londontheatre.co.uk

**Haymarket Theatre**  
*Six Dance Lessons in Six Weeks*  
Open Run  
www.sixdancelessons.co.uk/home/index.php

**Lyric Theatre**  
*Cabaret*  
Runs until 4/7/07  
www.viewlondon.co.uk/cabaret-tickets.html

**Novello Theatre**  
*Much Ado About Nothing*  
Runs until 1/6/07  
www.viewlondon.co.uk/Much-Ado-About-Nothing-tickets.html

## Off - Broadway

**Classic Stage Company**  
*A Spanish Play*  
Opens 1/10/07, runs through 2/18/07 at Classic Stage Company Theater 212.352.3101 or 866.411.4111  
Classicstage.org

**HERE Arts Center**  
*The Fortune Teller a marionette play*  
Runs until 12/22/06  
212.352.3101

**St. Luke's Theatre**  
*25 Questions For a Jewish Mother*  
Open Run  
212.239.6200 or 800.432.7250

**Triad Theatre**  
*Bush is Bad*  
Runs until 12/30/06  
212.279.4200 or 212.222.7436

**Symphony Space**  
*The Christmas Revels*  
Runs until 12/10/06  
212.864.5400

**Gotham Stage**  
*Becoming Adele*  
Runs from 12/20/06 through 1/6/07 at the Clurman Theater.  
212.279.4200

**New World Stages**  
*Evil Dead: The Musical*  
Open Run  
212.239.6200 or 800.432.7250

**Playwrights Horizons**  
*Floyd and Clea Under the Western Sky*  
Runs 12/5/06-12/17/06  
212.279.4200

*Suzan-Lori Parks wrote a play a day for an entire year. Now, each week for an entire year, a different Chicagoland theater company will mount seven of these world premiere short plays as part of the nationwide 365 Days/365 Plays Festival. Please check out [www.365chicago.org](http://www.365chicago.org) (365 flyer, 2006)*

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773.442.4274  
Tickets are free  
for all NEIU  
faculty, staff, and  
students

## Master Mask Maker in Chicago: Holiday break and no time for art?

Jeff Summerling is a master mask maker with twenty-four years of experience. The Inside Out Art Studio is a quaint storefront located at Montrose and Damen on Chicago's north side. Summerling is one of the few instructors in the world who teaches mask making. His studio is also reminiscent of a gallery, the walls are covered with masks which are also available for purchase. The Inside Out Art Studio was founded in 2003 by Jeff, his wife Donna Lurie Semmerling, and several partners. Their goal is "promoting artful living." You can find the studio at 2005 W. Montrose Ave. 773.697.5012, or visit their website at [www.maskartists.com](http://www.maskartists.com).

