

WACTFest 2011

Another State Festival is History

The weekend of February 25 – 27, 2011, was the weekend to remember for Wisconsin Community Theatre enthusiasts. Evergreen Productions played host to the 2011 Wisconsin AACTFest on the beautiful St. Norbert College campus in De Pere, Wisconsin.

Friday was a day filled with rehearsals and tech meetings, ending with a welcome party at the Kress Inn hospitality suite. It was a time to catch up with old friends and make new ones. With everyone sharing their supplies of snacks and libations as the wheels of “networking” turned until the wee hours of the morning.

Saturday began early with the first three productions followed by lunch. The festival then continued with the final five festival performances.

Village Playhouse of Wauwatosa	<i>In Juliet's Garden</i>
Redbud Players	<i>A Marriage Proposal</i>
Beaver Dam Area Community Theatre	<i>Proof</i>
Kettle Moraine Players	<i>Almost, Maine</i>
Evergreen Productions	<i>And The Winner Is</i>
Sauk Prairie Theatre Guild	<i>Infancy</i>
Verona Area Community Theatre	<i>Mosquito Dirigible Aerosol Deodorant</i>
La Crosse Community Theatre	<i>Almost, Maine</i>

But the end of the performances didn't mean the fun was over yet. While the adjudicators were deliberating and deciding, it was off to the Sports Corner for the post show celebration. Once again there was sharing of snacks and libations.

Sunday morning the Bemis Center was the site of the awards brunch and the WACT annual meeting. During the annual meeting, the Frank Peot Award for Individual service was presented to Bob Kafka. After the annual meeting was concluded, it was on to the awards. Selected to proceed to the Region III festival were Kettle Moraine Players' production of *Almost, Maine* and the La Crosse Community Theatre's production of *Almost, Maine* (not a typo). Chosen as alternate was *Mosquito Dirigible Aerosol Deodorant* by the Verona Area Community Theater.

Wisconsin AACTFest 2011 Awards

Productions Proceeding to the Regional Festival

Almost, Maine

Kettle Moraine Players

Almost, Maine

La Crosse Community Theatre

Alternate Regional Production

Verona Area Community Theater *Mosquito*

Dirigible Aerosol Deodorant

Backstage Award

Kettle Moraine Players – *Almost, Maine*

Outstanding Achievement in Lighting

La Crosse Community Theater -- *Almost, Maine*

Best Set Design

John Brandl, Kettle Moraine Players – *Almost, Maine*

Outstanding Achievement in Original Music

Chris Scheuermann, La Crosse Community Theater -- *Almost, Maine*

Best Costume Design

Jean Daniewicz, Sauk Prairie Theatre Guild -- *Infancy*

Special Award for use of an Accent

Marita Kelter, Sauk Prairie Theatre Guild – *Infancy*

Best Ensemble Acting

La Crosse Community Theatre – *Almost, Maine*

Best Supporting Actress

Jodi Garvey, – *Almost, Maine*, Kettle Moraine Players

Best Supporting Actor

Thomas Bakken – *Almost, Maine*, Kettle Moraine Players

Best Lead Actress

Kelley Manson – *Almost, Maine*, La Crosse Community Theatre

Best Lead Actor

Dan Radtke -- *Almost, Maine*, La Crosse Community Theatre

Best Director

Casem AbuLughod -- *Mosquito Dirigible Aerosol Deodorant*, Verona Area Community Theater

2011 Wisconsin AACTFest Adjudicators

Nancy Eppert

Stephen Rupsch

Ron Ziegler