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Something new for Freeport theater!

October 22, 2008, Freeport -- An innovative partnership has been formed to bring something new to the Freeport stage. Freeport Players and Paint Fumes Productions (led by longtime Players producer Elizabeth Guffey) presents *BEDTIME STORIES*, a showcase of short plays and one-acts, January 16-25, 2009, at Freeport Performing Arts Center.

Bedtime Stories features works by some of the most clever playwrights in American theater with an important twist: everything will be performed with nothing but a bed on the stage. No sets, the barest minimum of props...this project will focus attention on the themes, stories and characters presented in the plays. The ensemble will collaborate in a process that facilitates artistic exploration within the minimalist framework. With this concept and the short-play format, in one evening the ensemble explores comedy, drama and a range of human experience.

Beds are central locations in our lives. We sleep, dream, and have sex in them. We may spend hours tossing and turning in them, wrestling with the problems faced during the day. We may be conceived in them, be born in them, and die in them. John Lennon and Yoko Ono made a bold political statement in one. We eat crackers and annoy our partners in them. We laugh in them; we cry in them. We crawl into them for comfort when we are sick or unhappy. When we are kids (or letting our inner child run wild) we jump on them. Monsters live under them next to the dust bunnies. They are found in our homes, but also in hotels, hospitals, prisons, disaster shelters ... even on boats and in RVs.

They are focal points, they can trigger emotions and memories, and in the hands of a gifted writer they are powerful symbols.

Freeport Players has partnered with Paint Fume Productions to bring this bold theater event to the stage. Through this partnership, the Players are able to expand their season and explore an innovative process without jeopardizing the core offerings on which they have built their reputation for quality theater. This pilot program, if successful, can serve as a model for developing performances, ultimately contributing to a critical mass of arts and cultural activity in Freeport.

BEDTIME STORIES will be performed at Freeport Performing Arts Center January 16-26, 2009; Fridays & Saturdays @ 7:30pm, Sundays @ 2pm. Tickets are \$10, available online at www.fcponline.org or at the door. Seating is limited. *This show contains adult language and themes and is not suitable for children.*

For more information about *Bedtime Stories*, visit www.fcponline.org/bedtime.

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