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MADLAB ANNOUNCES THE 9TH ANNUAL THEATRE ROULETTE 2008

MadLab presents the ninth annual Theatre Roulette 2008 A Festival of New Plays. Theatre Roulette is the annual festival of new works MadLab produces and promotes each spring. Based upon a model developed in 2000, Roulette consists of three nights of distinct programming that feature original work by playwrights, directors, technical crew, and actors.

Script submission for this year's festival was completed in December 2007 and the final choices were juried and announced later that month. From an amazing 999 submissions in this, Roulette's 9th year, MadLab ultimately selected 9 works from 9 different writers in 6 different states including 2 from Ohio. After auditions, 18 actors will take on 28 roles. Two actors will be appearing on Mad-Lab's stage for the first time, while 16 returning actors have accepted roles. For 6 actors, this will be their first Roulette. 11 of MadLab's 26 Ensemble members accepted roles; many of them appear in multiple productions.

Theatre Roulette offers three distinct nights of programming. Each night of programming



Echoes in Time Theatre at the Ohio Historical Center will be presenting "Pull Up a Step and Have a Cup of Joe" of May 1, 8, 22 and 29. The year is 1933: the stock market is down; prices are up; the housing market has gone south; and Mildred Wagoner's husband is out plays every weekend on a different night (see schedule below).

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SCHISMS – Dead dogs, prostitutes, and sharks. Kinda like my old neighborhood. "Schisms" featuring Postcards From A Dead Dog by F. J. Hartland, directed by Michelle Batt This Bird by Paul North, directed by Chris Lane The Raft by Kristyn Leigh Robinson, directed by Peter Graybeal SHYLOCKS – A TV psychic, a creepy family and a wisecracking detective. This could get a little weird. Make that a lot weird. "Shylocks" featuring Dark North by David Skeele, directed by Andy Batt. Noir Lite by Richard Martin Hirsch, directed by Linda O'Donnell

Shenanigans – What we got here is....failure to communicate. "Shenanigans" featuring Duet for Virtual Particles by William Borden, directed by Jim Azelvandre; The Rental by Mark Harvey Levine, directed by Sarah Brunet; The Memo by Greg Vovos, directed by Ric Shoemaker; Dr. Wu Has Been Eliminated by John Busser, directed by Josh Kessler, Ric Shoemaker, David Thonnings and Stephen Wooslev

All performances are at MadLab (105 N Grant Ave), www.madlab.net. Ticket prices are \$10-15 (sliding scale), \$8 for students, and seniors, \$6 for MadLab members. For reservations or questions call 614.221.5418 or email publicity@madlab.net.

History Comes Alive with Echoes in Time Theatre Ohio Historical Center presents Pull UP a Step and Have a Cup of Joe

of job. Pull up a step in front of the row house apartment where Mildred lives with her husband and newly moved-in, brother-inlaw and his wife. Listen to Mildred as she drinks her coffee and catches you up on the latest news and gossip of the neighborhood.

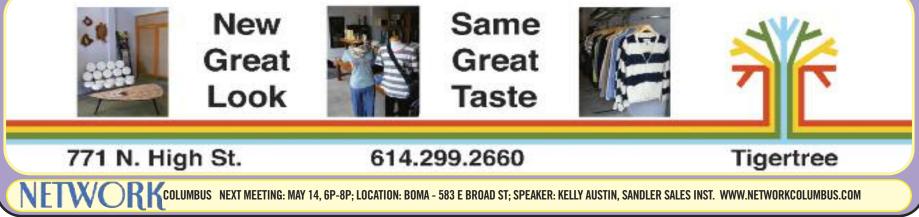
Robin Schurict of Buckeye Lake, Ohio, portrays Mildred. The 30-minute, solo performance takes place twice each evening at 7p and 8p.

The performance is free with admission to

the Ohio Historical Center, which is \$7/adults, \$3/students and free for OHS members and children 5 years old and under. Parking is \$4 for nonmembers. For more information, visit www.ohiohistory.org or call 614.297.2300 or 800.686.6124.

The Ohio Historical Center is located on I-71 and 17th Avenue. It is one of 59 historic museums and sites operated by the Ohio Historical Society, a nonprofit organization that serves as the state's partner in preserving and interpreting Ohio's history, archaeology and natural history.





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