

# Boot Camp for Playwrights August 2, 3, 4, 2009

Hosted by Red Rocks Community College  
in association with the Playwrights Showcase of the Western Region

## What is the Boot Camp for Playwrights?

Sponsored by Red Rocks Community College Theatre Arts and Dance Department, the Boot Camp for Playwrights is a writer's seminar spanning three days of intensive training, taught by nationally recognized playwright professionals. The Boot Camp is designed to serve playwrights of all levels; beginning and experienced alike.

The sessions will include:

- writing exercises
- improvisation
- development of dialogue, plot, setting & character
- class discussions
- readings and feedback by featured instructors

## Unique Boot Camp Feature: Boot Camp Showcase

In addition to the above activities, selected Boot Camp participants will have their work highlighted on the final night of the Playwrights Showcase



Boot Camp Showcase 2007

The Boot Camp will be held just minutes from downtown Denver, at Red Rocks Community College's beautiful campus in Lakewood, Colorado.

[www.rrcc.edu/playwrightshowcase/](http://www.rrcc.edu/playwrightshowcase/)



## ELAINE ROMERO

Elaine's work has been commissioned by such theatres as the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, Alley Theatre, InterAct Theatre Company, Magic Theatre/Sloan Science & Technology Grant, Arizona Theatre Company, and Curious Theatre Company. Her plays have been developed and produced by the Actors Theatre of Louisville, Goodman Theatre, Ford Amphitheatre, Playwrights' Center, Lark New Play Development Center, the Working Theatre, Women's Project and Productions, Su Teatro and San Diego Repertory Theatre. Residences include the Sundance Playwrights' Retreat at Ucross, Cornucopia Arts Center, and William Inge Playwright-in-Residence. Her "Rain of Ruin" is a current finalist for the Actors Theatre of Louisville Heideman Award. Other awards include: Sprenger-Lang New History Play Contest, Tennessee Williams One-Act Play Award, and The Chicano/Latino Literary Award. Her publishers, among others, include: Samuel French, Playscripts, Vintage Books, Simon and Schuster, Bedford/St. Martin's Press, and Arte Publico Press. Her award-winning play, "Walking Home", will be published soon in Buenos Aires as part of an international series on contemporary world drama. She serves as Playwright-in-Residence at Arizona Theatre Company.

## BOOT CAMP FOR PLAYWRIGHTS 2009 FEATURED INSTRUCTORS:



## AOISE STRATFORD

Aoise Stratford's work has been produced in Canada, Italy, Australia, Belgium, England, and throughout the USA. She is the recipient of several awards including the Alan Minieri Award, A Pinter Review Prize for Drama Silver Medal, the Yukon Pacific Playwright Award, the Hudson River Classics New Play Award, and The Last Frontier Theatre Conference Audience Choice Award. She has been a finalist for the Actors' Theatre of Louisville's Heideman Award and been nominated for an American Theatre Critics' Association New Play Award. She is a founding member of Three Wise Monkeys Theatre Company, and a member of the Dramatists Guild. She teaches writing at Ithaca College and is a regular respondent for the Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival. Short plays and monologues have been published by Smith and Kraus, United Stages, Pretty Things Press, JAC, and Merriweather Press.



Aoise Stratford at Boot Camp for Playwrights 2005



## EDITH WEISS

Edith's plays have been produced in festivals and competitions in Boston, NYC, Chicago, Albuquerque and Denver; some of which include: Millersville University, the Avenue Theatre in Denver, The Theatre on Broadway, the Devanough Theatre in Boston, The Lafayette Theatre and the Women's Playwriting Festival in Kansas City. She is the author of eight published children's plays, three of which premiered at the Arvada Center. Her Recent Youth Theater productions include "Two Dumb Dogs", which premiered at the Backstage Theater Breckenridge in 2008, "Aunt Maggity's House of Horror," E Street Theater Denver, and the world premiere of her adaptation of "A Little Princess" at the Aurora Fox Theater. Her work is represented by Pioneer, Brooklyn, and Eldridge Publishers. In addition to writing, Edith is a director, actor, and stand-up comic.



Edith Weiss and Aoise Stratford Playwrights Showcase 2007

2009 Boot Camp for Playwrights  
Registration Form

Registration Deadline: July 31, 2009

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

● **BOOT CAMP**..... \$120 \_\_\_\_\_  
(August 2, 3, 4, 2009)

Level: Circle One Below \*(A writing sample is  
required for placement in Intermediate or Master levels)

Beginning      Intermediate      Master

\*Placement in classes is on a first-come first-served basis. Please register  
early to be guaranteed admission to the class of your choice.

● **PLAYWRIGHTS SHOWCASE REGISTRATION:**  
(August 5, 6, 7, 8, 2009) (All events **except** Friday  
evening Curious New Voices performance)  
Early Bird (Before 6/01/09).... \$100 \_\_\_\_\_  
(After 06/01/09)..... \$130 \_\_\_\_\_

● **SPECIAL CURIOUS NEW VOICES PERFORMANCE:**  
Friday August 7.....(\$TBD) \_\_\_\_\_

**REGISTRATION TOTAL** \_\_\_\_\_  
make check payable to: RRCC Theatre

REGISTRATIONS ARE NOT REFUNDABLE OR  
TRANSFERABLE.

Mail Registration Form, Writing Sample (if appli-  
cable) and Check or Money Order to:

Pamela Jamruszka Mencher  
Boot Camp Coordinator  
Red Rocks Community College  
13300 W. 6th Ave, Box 20  
Lakewood, CO 80228

**Questions?**

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August 5-8, 2009




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of the Western Region



**Anticipated Luminaries:**  
Steven Deitz  
Richard Dresser  
Joe Kraemer  
Elaine Romero  
Michael Stricker  
Aoise Stratford  
Edith Weiss  
Robert Vaughan

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