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ICE HOUSE THEATER PROJECT OFFERS UP “A THEATRICAL SMORGASBORD”

BERKELEY SPRINGS, WV—The Morgan Arts Council’s Ice House Theater Project presents “A Theatrical Smorgasbord” on stage at the Ice House beginning March 29th at 7 p.m.

What do you get when you combine 18 actors and nine short plays? A full evening of bite-size theater. Each selection, involving from two to ten actors, is a complete story performed in ten minutes or less. The light-hearted fare is sometimes witty and sometimes touching but will always satisfy your appetite. While a few of the references may fly over the heads of younger audience members, the show is appropriate for all ages.

Director Brice Williams explains that a 10-minute play is like a short story. “A 10-minute time frame allows playwrights to explore ideas and themes that quite honestly wouldn’t support a two-hour play,” he said. Samples include things such as: A cab driver picks up an unexpected rider. The story of “Macbeth” takes an unexpected turn when the remaining witches have to call a temp agency to have the required coven of three. Two strangers get acquainted in a stopped elevator. Life imitates art as two actresses prepare for a production of “The Importance of Being Earnest”. A Collection agent meets his match in a twelve-year old girl.

The cast of all local actors is mix of adults and teens. Regular theater goers will recognize veteran actors including Abbie Brown and Rhiannon Griffiths. Williams is also pleased to have recruited a few new faces to the stage.

No reservations required; tickets will be sold at the door. The show opens Friday March 29th and runs for two weekends, show times are March 29, 30 & April 4, 5, 6 @ 7:30 pm, and March 31 & April 7 at 2pm.

This program is presented with financial assistance from the WV Department of Arts, Culture and History, and the National Endowment for the Arts, with approval from the WV Commission on the Arts, and local hotel/motel taxes. The Ice House is at the corner of Independence and Mercer in downtown Berkeley Springs, WV. For more information on this and other MAC activities, call 304-258-2300 or visit www.macicehouse.org.