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**The Dix Hills Performing Arts Center
presents**

American Dating Catastrophes Volume VIII

Smooching hopefuls turn into dating dilemmas and much worse as 9 playwrights with 11 plays share the foibles of love on stage

June 24, 2010, Dix Hills, New York – American Dating Catastrophes, Volume VIII, takes the stage for the third time at Five Towns College's Dix Hills Performing Arts Center for three performances, July 16-18, 2010. Now in its eighth season, the new writer series comes to Suffolk County for the third time and "ADC VIII" will again provide a collection of world premiere short plays centering on dates and romance gone bad.

This show is comprised of 11 short plays, written by Long Island playwrights, including Steve Strangio, who has had full-length plays produced on the Island and was a stand-up comic working area clubs for decades, noted Long Island journalist Mike Casano, who has a world premiere entered for the fourth year in a row, director/actress Pat Tropea, who has done dozens of plays with numerous major theatre troupes on Long Island and several first time playwrights, such as Five Towns College Film student Michael Raimo, Freeport's Rich Corapi, who

has placed two works in this year's program after a successful debut as a playwright in last year's program, community theatre actor Will McCaffrey, actors and fiancées Lauren Loizidis and Matt Tuttle and former East Meadow anesthesiologist David Simon, just back from volunteer work in Iraq. Also featured is Long Island's most prolific playwright, John Blenn, who unveils his 57th and 58th original pieces to be staged since 1995.

The collection of comedies, presented by Middle Class American Productions, prove to be the company's top drawing show every year. The stories, all new short comedies about dates gone bad, range in topics from single parents bringing their children to blind dates, the new fascination with "cougar women" seeking younger partners, Vikings on a date and setting up a friend with your boss, among other tales.

Tickets for all shows are \$15, with \$12 tickets for students and seniors and are available by calling the Dix Hills Performing Arts Center at 631-656-2148 or online at DHPAC.org. Shows are at 7:30 pm on Friday and Saturday, July 16 & 17, with a 2:00 pm matinee on Sunday, July 18. Any additional information is available at the same number and many of the cast members as well as several of the authors are available for interviews.

The Dix Hills Performing Arts Center

The Dix Hills Performing Arts Center is located at Five Towns College, 305 North Service Road, Dix Hills, New York, 11746-5857. For more information and ticket sales, please contact the Dix Hills Performing Arts Center box office at (631) 656-2148 or visit online at www.DHPAC.org. Become a fan on Facebook! (Dix Hills Performing Arts Center).

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