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The Dix Hills Performing Arts Center  
premieres John Blenn's latest original dramatic comedy  
***Say Something Important***

Long Island's most prolific playwright debuts his latest work,  
offering the laughs for which Blenn is known, and much more

**Sept. 1, 2010, Dix Hills, New York** -- The Dix Hills Performing Arts Center will present an original production of John Blenn's critically acclaimed seriocomedy *Say Something Important*. Performances will be held Friday and Saturday, October 1 and 2 at 7:30 pm, and Sunday, October 3 at 2:00 pm. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$12 for seniors and students.

*Say Something Important* tells the story of a terminally ill character actor who returns home to reconcile with the family he left behind years earlier when he left seeking fame and fortune. But much has changed: His children have come of age and his ex-wife is set to remarry a man of greater position.

This complex slice-of-life seriocomedy, an earlier work among Blenn's plays, offers Blenn's unique brand of comic wit, coating a more serious message than is typical of his work: "We're not here that long; you might as well make the best of it."

From his 1995 courtroom comedy debut as a playwright, *Xs and Os*, to this winter's *A Better Hue*, John Blenn has staged 58 original plays. His film credits

include *Sweetwater* with James Caan, Danny Devito and Wood Harris, *Mall Cop* with Kevin James, *Music and Lyrics* with Hugh Grant and Drew Barrymore, *Thicker than Water* and *Evil Streets*. He has also directed Eddie Money's world premiere musical, *Two Tickets to Paradise*, which debuted at the Dix Hills Performing Arts Center. He has also done stand-up comedy, opening for acts such as Joey Kola, Joe DeLion, Uncle Floyd and Chris Rush.

The prolific Blenn also has several screenplays in development in addition to several other new stage plays ready for production. Blenn began his career as a journalist and is perhaps best known on Long Island for his many years at "Good Times" magazine.

### **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](http://www.DHPAC.org). Become a fan on Facebook! (Dix Hills Performing Arts Center).*

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