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906 Theatre Company of Chicago

Announces Formation

Chicago, IL: This spring, five Northern Michigan University Alumni united to form a theatre company that would reflect the pride and ideals instilled in them by their experiences in the beautiful Upper Peninsula of Michigan. Taking their name from the area code that covers the entirety of the U.P., **906 Theatre Company** was founded on April 13, 2014. Their first production *The Importance of Being Earnest* is set to open June 26th at Mary's Attic in Andersonville.

In the northern reaches of Michigan, the arts are a way to escape from the harshness of the climate and are supported as a vital component of the Yooper lifestyle. It is 906's hope that by bringing this sense of artistic significance to Chicago, they can serve as representatives of their home and advocates of Upper Peninsula Culture.

906 Theatre Company Goals

- To produce plays from the theatrical cannon which reflect upon the human condition
- To serve as a resource for new college graduates and help bridge the gap between university and professional worlds of Chicago theatre
- To provide a forum for the discussion of theatrical works and new productions

906 Theatre Company's Mission

906 Theatre Company seeks to uphold theatre as an art form which illuminates the human condition. Our mission is to create theatre that is inherently honest and which puts the story first.

We believe…

- The playwright is the primary artist.
- Theatre is a collaborative process.
- Successful collaborations are comprised of kind people and developed in a supportive environment.
- Theatre is about connection and energy.
- Honesty is the path to catharsis.
- The best theatrical artists love the art in themselves, not themselves in the art.
- "…Relationships are at or near the center of almost every play." –David Ball
- "…The most important thing you can understand is who you are, and where you fit." – Paul Truckey
- The theatre only requires three things: 1: An Actor 2: A Space 3: An Audience
- It's called "play" for a reason.

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- "Art isn't easy." –Stephen Sondheim
- "Drama is that willing suspension of disbelief which constitutes poetic faith." –Samuel Taylor Coleridge