



West End Players Guild News Release

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West End Players Guild has Stories with the Fringe on tap.

ST. LOUIS, MO (June 7, 2012) -- This month West End Players Guild will offer patrons of the first St. Louis Fringe festival a four-night run of short plays by award-winning St. Louis playwright Stephen Peirick.

WEPG presented the world premiere of Peirick's first full-length play, *Wake Up, Cameron Dobbs*, as part of its recently-concluded 2011-12 season; *Cameron Dobbs* was the best-attended show of the four-play season. For the Fringe, WEPG will offer three of Peirick's short plays in a 45-minute program titled *Laughter, Tears and The Right Stuff*.

Peirick's *The Right Stuff* was a winner (besting more than 250 other scripts) at the 2012 Snowdance 10 Minute Comedy Festival in Wisconsin. Peirick directs this WEPG production, in which three 30-something women (played by Stephanie Merritt, Sarajane Alverson and Ann Hier) take a comedic look back at their days and nights of waiting in line to buy concert tickets as high schoolers.

Tina Farmer directs *The Good-Bye Party*, a serious look into the lives of two women (Emily Baker and Nancy Nigh) struggling to come to terms with the loss of one of their husbands.

The Third Time, directed by Peirick, offers a humorous look at, in Peirick's words, "a man who goes to a fertility clinic to do what guys do at a fertility clinic." Jason Meyers plays the man who must deal with "performance pressure" at the clinic as well as his apprehensions about impending parenthood; Ann Hier and Sarajane Alverson round out the cast. *The Third Time* was a festival winner for Peirick at the 2009 Heartland Theatre Festival in Normal, IL.

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The WEPG shows will be presented in the cabaret space at the Kranzberg Arts Center, 501 North Grand. Show times are Thursday, June 21 at 7:00 p.m.; Friday, June 22 at 4:00 p.m.; Saturday, June 23 at 8:30 p.m.; and Sunday, June 24 at 4:00 p.m.

Tickets to the show are just \$5 and will be available at the door. Ticket purchasers also must buy a \$5 Fringe button, which entitles the bearer to purchase tickets for any of the dozens of productions at this year's Fringe. More information on purchasing Fringe buttons can be found on the [Fringe website](#) and more information on all things WEPG can be found at www.WestEndPlayers.org. More information also is available by phone at 314/367-0025.

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Jason Meyers is a man on a mission that involves a specimen cup in ***The Third Time***, one of three short plays to be presented by West End Players Guild at the first St. Louis Fringe, June 21-24. Meyers plays a man visiting a fertility clinic to do what men do when they visit fertility clinics. Ann Hier plays his helpful wife.