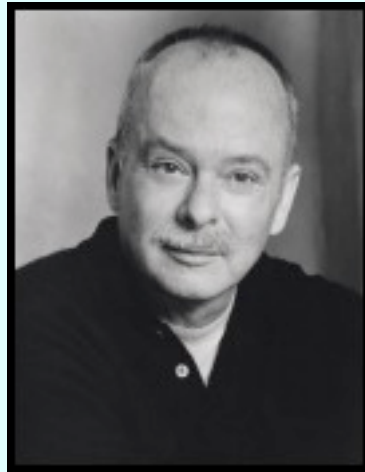


# NEWSLETTER

## Guest Playwright Announced!

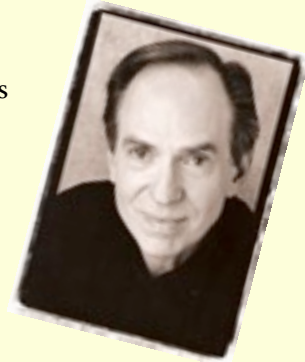
In just a few weeks we will be preparing for a visit from Jack Heifner, our adjudicator for the New Playwrights Festival. Jack is best known for his play *Vanities* which ran for five years in New York and became one of the longest running plays in Off-Broadway history. In reality, this barely scratches the surface of Mr. Heifner's accomplishments having also written for television and film. To date, our guest has created more than two dozen published scripts which have been produced to acclaim in New York, on Broadway, in LA and across the country. Later this year, his play *Patio/Porch* will be staged in London. Truly a man of the theatre, Mr. Heifner's credits also extend to acting, directing and producing. Currently, he is the playwright in residence at Stephen P. Austin State University in Texas. Mr. Heifner teaches play, screen, and television writing.



In addition to Mr. Heifner's work with our playwrights and directors, he will participate in a talk back with the company and the audience on opening night-Tuesday, March 16, and in a video session to be produced and broadcast by Channel 62 on the following afternoon.

## It's The Straight Goods

"We've got plays, we've got directors and casts, and of late we have a wonderful professional playwright to serve as our adjudicator.



The Fringe Festival New Playwrights Program is underway again! Following a week of sold out performances for *Kate Crackernuts*, we are entering into our all-student annual event. Between play rehearsals, preparation for the upcoming American College Dance Festival tour to Illinois, and work on the gala Spring Dance Concert, all the theatres and studio spaces are abuzz with activity.

Since our last publication, we have been visited by potential new majors doing scholarship interviews and dance placement auditions. We are very excited by the prospect of welcoming all these new folks to our family next August."

## Editor in Chief

Ross Jackson

## UALR Fringe Festival Casts

### *Poupee De La Mort*

by Jonathan Eller

Director: Jeff Wright

JON: Alex Trentham  
ARES: T. J. Medel  
LANI: Beth Warren

### *The View*

by Suzi Garcia

Director: Ashley Middleton

MADORA: Melissa Carrion  
JASON: Kenneth Ashlin

### *The Hoax*

by Sophie King

Director: Jeff Wright

HELEN: Mikita Thompson  
MATT: Rodney Holston  
RICKIE: Sommer Hayes

### *Silent, She Cries*

by Brianna Wesley

Director: Justin Walker

NIKKI: Cecily Mathis  
JALEESA: TBA  
DORI: Kazzi Cazort  
STRANGER: J.D. Jackson

### *An Artist's Rendering*

by Tyler Whiteside

Director: Crystal Mercer

MAN 1: T.J. Medel  
MAN 2: Ross Jackson  
WOMAN: Elizabeth Bennett

### *Dogs*

by Jeff Wright

Director: Erin Anson

KATHERINE: Carrie Henry  
WILLIAM: Ross Jackson

### ATTENTION TAD MAJORS AND MINORS

It's time to to make your advising  
appointments for the Fall 2010 Semester!

Please visit Karen Harris in the TAD office  
to schedule an appointment as soon as  
possible.

The last day for advising is March 12th.

### UALR FRINGE FESTIVAL PERFORMANCE DATES

Tuesday, March 16th 8pm  
Talkback with Jack Heifner Following  
the Performance

Wednesday, March 17th 8pm

Thursday, March 18th 8pm

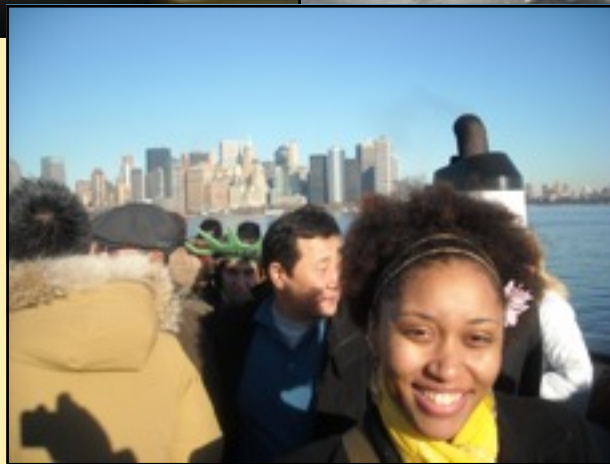
## Crystal Mercer's Visit to Brooklyn, NY!

Crystal Mercer, future UALR Theatre and Dance graduate and Little Rock native was given the chance to visit Brooklyn, New York recently. She spent time working with the students of the Brooklyn School for Collaborative Studies (BCS), and also performing an excerpt from Spirit Trickey's *One Ninth* at the IRT Theatre.

Crystal's visit was documented and featured on the NBC nightly news.

<http://ualr.edu/theatre/SpiritTrickey/SpiritTrickey.mov>

We are very proud of Crystal's achievements and would like to congratulate her for the result of all of her extremely hard work. We hope to hear more great news from her soon!





(From left to right) Lindsey Newton, Britney Haygood, Marisa Kirby, Shouze Ma, Rachel Norris, Elizabeth Hartnell, Alissa Mullins, and Emily Karnes before rehearsal for the Spring Dance Concert



Some cast (Elizabeth Bennett, T.J. Medel, and Erin Anson) and friends at the *Kate Crackernuts* reception.