

New Vermont Comedy To Premiere At The Stowe Theatre Guild!

Stowe Theatre Guild is proud to announce the premiere of *Pronouncing Glenn* by new Vermont playwright, Carole Vasta Folley, opening this September 24th through October 11th at the Stowe Town Hall Theatre. This original comedy tells the story of an unconventional family learning how to say good-bye, and the crazy lengths a person will take to protect someone they love.

Vasta Folley found inspiration for her play from a news story her husband showed her in *USA Today*. The brief, five sentence, article was about a caregiver who kept her patient's death a secret for over two years while the patient's daughter and granddaughter lived downstairs. Although shocked by the story, it made Vasta Folley speculate if there was a possible "good" reason to commit such an egregious act. What followed was a crazy situational comedy with plenty of secrets and memorable characters. In addition, Vasta Folley notes, "I wrote this play while dealing with my own mother's passing, so the real feelings of losing a parent naturally became part of the unusual storyline. My caregiver actions are driven by compassion and love, albeit on the bumpy road of comedy. My mother would have liked that."

Since *PRONOUNCING GLENN* is based in part on a true, but bizarre news story, Dorcus, one of the play's more colorful characters, took on the habit of collecting such information herself. All of the news stories in both acts, from the town that outlawed death to the X-rated fortune cookies, are true.

The cast of *PRONOUNCING GLENN* includes seasoned actors Patrick Clow, Erik Freeman, Elisabeth Gerber, and Kim Swain. Fairly new to the stage in the role of Boyd is ten year old Jackson Bisaccia. Vasta Folley has been excited to work shop the script with the exceptional cast, fine tuning the dialogue and further developing the characters. It is often a unique experience for actors to have input into the script that translates from the page and then onto the stage.

Last year Stowe Theatre Guild accepted *PRONOUNCING GLENN* as part of their 2008 season as part of their commitment to support local works. Coincidentally, Vasta Folley directed their last Vermont playwright production in 2004 with Dana Yeaton's *MIDWIVES*, based on local author Chris Bohjalian's best selling novel.

PRONOUNCING GLENN has twelve performances, September 24th through October 11th, Wednesday through Saturday evenings at 8pm. Tickets can be purchased by calling 802-253-3961, or by ordering online at stowetheatre.com. Don't miss the premiere of this original comedy with a giant heart. As the website notes, "lying to those you love and keeping your stories straight: \$0. Hiding the truth and the body: Priceless!"