



Supporting Women and Girls by Supporting the Arts
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**WAM THEATRE PRESENTS *A WAM WELCOME*
BENEFIT EVENT APRIL 9-11, 2010 AT BARRINGTON STAGE COMPANY
Kick-Off Event to Benefit Women for Women International**

WAM Theatre is excited to present its inaugural event, 'A WAM Welcome.' This evening of three diverse theatrical selections celebrates live theatre pieces created by women for the enjoyment of all. A portion of the proceeds from this event will benefit Women for Women International, whom WAM Theatre has chosen as their first beneficiary.

Jennifer Morabito, Grassroots Marketing Officer for Women for Women International remarked, "We are grateful for the support of WAM Theatre and honored to be the beneficiary of 'A WAM Welcome'. It is because of the generosity and passion of individuals at the grassroots level that we are able to fulfill our mission of helping women move from victim to active citizen in the wake of war."

WHERE:

Barrington Stage Company's Stage 2, 36 Linden St., Pittsfield, MA

WHEN:

Friday, April 9, 2010: 8pm

Saturday, April 10, 2010: 2pm* & 8 pm

Sunday, April 11, 2010: 2pm

**A free post-show discussion with the actors and creative team will follow.*

TICKETS:

\$20 general public

\$10 students

\$10 tickets available for groups of 10 or more

All tickets available at the door, online at www.barringtonstageco.org or by calling the Barrington Stage Box Office at 413-236-8888.

About WAM Theatre

WAM Theatre (WAM = Women's Action Movement) is a new theatre company based in the Berkshires and the Capital Region of New York State, which uses theatre to take action for women and girls worldwide. Inspired by the book 'Half the Sky: Turning Oppression into Opportunity for Women Worldwide' by Nicholas Kristof and Sheryl Wudunn, WAM Theatre was founded in 2009 by professional theatre artists Kristen van Ginhoven and Leigh Strimbeck. Our philanthropic mission is two-fold. First, to raise funds to create professional theatrical events that explore issues relating to women and girls. Second, to donate a portion of proceeds from those events to organizations that turn oppression into opportunity for women and girls worldwide. www.wamtheatre.com

'A WAM Welcome' will feature:

A Staged Reading of:

'The Last Standing Protestor'

written by Lydia Stryk and performed by Brenny Rabine, recently seen as Jean Louise in 'To Kill a Mockingbird' at Capital Repertory Theatre in Albany, NY.

"From telemarketing to pre-emptive wars to sex slaves, Lydia Stryk's THE LAST STANDING PROTESTER, is a forceful, beautifully written portrayal of one woman's final stand against the threatening tidal wave of our society's self-inflicted woes."

As described by: Stageworks Play by Play Festival

www.lydiastryk.com, <http://www.brennyrabine.com/wb/>

A Selection From:

2008 New York City Fringe Festival Hit:

'My Salvation has a First Name: A Wienermobile Journey'

Written and performed by NYC-based writer and comedian, Robin Gelfenbien.

This new comedy is based on the true story of an insecure goody-goody who finds redemption behind the windshield of the Oscar Mayer Wienermobile. Hailed as "the highlight of the Fringe" by New York Magazine and awarded "4 stars" from Time Out New York, this is a show to relish and that's no bologna!

www.wienermobileshow.com, www.robingelfenbien.com

A Performance of:

'Mirror, Mirror'

An ensemble-created piece by a cast of Russell Sage College (Troy, NY) students which looks with compassion and humour at the tyranny of the media towards women's bodies, the struggles young women have with this issue and their attempts to see themselves and others in a different, more empowered way.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pxeI2OfM5CU>

** All pieces are suitable for ages 13 and up. Some strong language and content.*

ABOUT WOMEN FOR WOMEN INTERNATIONAL

Women for Women International provides women survivors of war, civil strife and other conflicts with the tools and resources to move from crisis and poverty to stability and self-sufficiency, thereby promoting viable civil societies. We're changing the world one woman at a time. <http://www.womenforwomen.org/>