

# Norfolk Summer Play Festival

## May - September 2011

**A new summer play festival is happening in Norfolk  
for the first time beginning May 2011**

A local playwrights forum and three Norfolk theaters are teaming up to bring local audiences an exciting summer season of new works for the stage. The City of Norfolk has joined the team and will be supporting this event through promotions.

Virginia Playwrights Forum (VPF), a group of local writers, is spearheading this festival in celebration of its 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. The festival will include full productions of four new plays developed through Virginia Playwrights Forum and staged readings of two new plays still in development.

Working with The Venue on 35<sup>th</sup>, Generic Theater and Little Theater of Norfolk, the festival will not only showcase new works from VPF, but also new works from other local writers and theater companies. Recognizing the need to give new plays a second light; new pieces which have premiered on other stages will also be presented.

In addition to plays, a series of storied-cabaret shows will be sprinkled throughout the summer to delight and touch audiences with the sound of music and the impact of story

**Norfolk Summer Play Festival will hopefully become an annual event.** As the festival grows locally we are hopeful it will gain regional and national attention, perhaps even launching a few homegrown shows onto bigger stages across the country. Who knows, this could be the start of something big.

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to live and work