

PEOPLE OF THE MIDWEST—WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Williamston Theatre needs your stories!

We are seeking people of all ages to help us create a highly original script to be performed in May of 2010, *Home: Voices From Families of the Midwest*. However, we cannot do this without you. We all have a story to tell and this is a chance to see yours brought to life. We are currently creating a new play that explores the various types of families in this part of the world. “Family” can mean many things, and we hope to shine a light on the modern Midwest family in all its many forms and shapes!

Home is the final installment of Williamston Theatre's original series *Voices From The Midwest*. By assembling stories from people all over this part of the world, this three-season project is exploring the challenges and gifts of a life in the American Midwest. The successful first installment, *Maidens, Mothers and Crones*, was about women and the second installment, *Flyover, USA*, explored men's lives.

Here is all you need to do: Answer any or all of the questions on the next page. They are left open to interpretation so *be as creative as you want to be*. Some answers might be 5 words, some might be 5 sentences, some might be 5 minute stories - great!

Mail your responses to Williamston Theatre, 122 South Putnam, Williamston, MI, 48895. Or, after June 1st, you can go to our Web site at williamstontheatre.com to download an electronic questionnaire that you can cut and paste into an email, and send it to info@williamstontheatre.com! Please send in your submissions by September 1, 2009.

If your entry is used in the play, you will be listed as a contributor in the program and receive a pair of complimentary tickets to the production.

Please complete the form on the following page, and include your name, address, e-mail, and phone number. Also, please indicate if you would like to be acknowledged as a contributor or remain anonymous.

The Questions:

Answer any or all of the questions below. They are left open to interpretation so *be as creative as you want to be*. Some answers might be 5 words, some might be 5 sentences, some might be 5 minute stories - great!

What is your definition of family? How does that differ from those around you?

How has your idea of family changed as you've gotten older?

Who's in charge?

What rituals/celebrations/habits through the year are particular to your family?

Along with families we're related to, we often belong to other types of families in our lives: Describe one of yours.

How has your family changed as you've gotten older? What change in the dynamics have struck you the most?

Home is where for you?

When does your family come together?

What drives your family apart?

How many families do you actually belong to? Are they ranked in your mind?

Tell us about a family member that drives you crazy, mad, or can annoy you?

Tell us about a family member that you most admire?

Memory is important to our idea of family and what was vs. what is. Share a memory of your family right now. Just a moment. Doesn't have to be life altering. Just a moment that sticks with you.

Who makes you laugh the hardest?

Who can make you feel the worst (even if by accident)?

Word association. Please answer with the first thing you think of when you see the following:

Family =

Home =

Work =

Church =

Reunion =

Grandmother =

Grandfather =

Television =

Love =

Anger =

Money =

Baby =

Marriage =

In-Laws =

Christmas =

Summer =

Parents =

**Home: Voices From Families Of The Midwest
Submission Release Form**

YOU MUST CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOXES BELOW AND SIGN THE FORM.

EMAILED ENTRIES COUNT AS SIGNED FORMS.

Name:

Address:

Email Address:

Age: _____ **Race:** _____

I have read and accept the terms and conditions. **(MUST CHECK THIS BOX)**

Also, please check **ONE** of the following:

I would like to remain anonymous.

I would like recognition as a contributor in the program if my story is used.

Signature _____ Date: _____

DISCLAIMER: By submitting this questionnaire, you have agreed to release this information to be used in connection with *Home: Voices From Families of the Midwest*, including personal experiences, remarks, and recollections. Once you have submitted your entry, your work becomes the property of the Williamston Theatre. By submitting your answers, you waive any right to inspect or approve any finished product or the use to which any of this material may be applied. You release and discharge the theatre from any and all claims, demands, or causes of action that you may have against them by reason of anything contained in your submission, or any uses, including any claims based on the right of privacy, the right of publicity, copyright, libel, defamation, or any other right. You understand and acknowledge that the Theatre or its assigns will be the sole owner of all copyright and other rights to the work. In consideration of the foregoing, the Theatre has agreed to provide you with two free tickets to the show should a significant portion of your entry be used in the play along with a listing in the program as a "contributor". You acknowledge and agree that you are not entitled to receive any other form of payment from the Theatre and/or its licensees, successors, and assigns.

Please call us at 517-655-7469 with any questions!

Thank you for your participation!