

NEW YORK THEATRE GROUP TO PRESENT ONE OF HANRAHAN'S SHORT PLAYS

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Open Hydrant Theatre Company, a new Bronx-based professional group, will present *SOLDIER BOY*, a short play written by Joe Hanrahan and originally produced by his St. Louis group, The Midnight Company. The play will be part of Open Hydrant's 2013 Short Play Festival, and will be one of ten plays, chosen from 300 entries, playing November 22 – 24.

SOLDIER BOY was presented by The Midnight Company in July, 2007, along with another of Hanrahan's short plays, *THE LITTLE FRENCHY FILES*. (The two were nominated for Best New Play in the now defunct Kevin Kline Awards.) *SOLDIER BOY*, a broad anti-war satire, featured actors Larry Dell, Travis Hanrahan, Ayse Eren, Steve Springmeyer and Marianne Laury.

Prior to starting Open Hydrant, co-founders Luis Cardenas and Sarah Rosenberg were featured in the award-winning documentary *SHAKESPEARE HIGH*, about the profound influence the Drama Teachers Association of Southern California has had on disadvantaged youth. Executive produced by Kevin Spacey, and featuring other DTASC alumnae including Val Kilmer, Mare Winningham and Richard Dreyfuss, *SHAKESPEARE HIGH* was seen on the Showtime Network and is now available through Netflix instant viewing. More information is available on openhydrant.org or shakespearehigh.org.

The Midnight Company will be presenting *SOLEMN MOCKERIES* by Rick Creese, the true story of William-Henry Ireland, the great Shakespearean Forger of 1795, January 3 -18, 2014, at The Tower Grove Abbey of Stray Dog Theatre. For more information, visit midnightcompany.com.