

PLAY IN A DAY



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THEATRE COMPANIES PERFORM PLAYS CREATED IN 24 HOURS!

Six Original Plays Written, Directed, Rehearsed and Performed in One Day

February 24, 2025 (Bethesda, MD) – Six professional Washington, D.C. area theatre companies will take on the challenge of writing, directing, rehearsing and performing original plays — all in just 24 hours. Produced by the Bethesda Urban Partnership and Bethesda Arts & Entertainment District, Play in a Day will take place on **Saturday, March 8, 2025 at 8pm** at Imagination Stage, located at 4908 Auburn Avenue in downtown Bethesda.

Play In A Day begins on Friday evening, March 7th when playwrights and directors convene to receive their assigned themes and props. Playwrights will then work through the night to create their ten-minute plays. On Saturday, rehearsals begin as teams of directors and actors prepare anxiously to make the 8pm performance deadline on Saturday, March 8, 2025.

Participating theatre companies include: Adventure Theatre MTC (Glen Echo, MD); Flying V (Bethesda, MD); Imagination Stage (Bethesda, MD); The Keegan Theatre (Washington, D.C.); Olney Theatre (Olney, MD) and Rorschach Theatre (Washington, D.C.).

General admission tickets are \$20 and can be purchased online at www.bethesda.org. Remaining tickets will be available at the door starting at 7pm. Convenient parking is located next door in the Auburn Avenue/Del Ray Avenue public garage.

Cash prizes will be awarded in three categories: Best Writing, Best Direction, and Best Acting Ensemble. The winners will be selected by a panel of judges, which includes Thembi Duncan, director, actor, and playwright; Casey Kaleba, fight director, instructor at University of Maryland; and KenYatta Rogers, assistant professor of theatre at the University of Maryland.

From award-winning theatre to independent films, downtown Bethesda's Arts & Entertainment District is filled with inspiring artists and art venues. The Bethesda Arts & Entertainment District is managed by the Bethesda Urban Partnership, Inc., and is the producer of The Trawick Prize: Bethesda Contemporary Art Awards, Bethesda Painting Awards, Bethesda Fine Arts Festival, "Paint the Town" public mural program and Bethesda Film Fest.

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