

David J. Mauriello's
Fireflies
comes to The Players' Ring

UPLIFTING FAMILY DRAMA RUNS MAY 8 - 31

PORTSMOUTH, NH - David J. Mauriello's new play 'Fireflies' at The Players' Ring blends the often conflicting values of different generations into an uplifting family drama. "Expect to be regaled with laughter," says Mauriello, "but also with the heart-tugging emotions that the search for truth can bring."

The play contrasts the lifestyle of a successful businessman and his partner living in a posh Boston townhouse with that of his aging mother, who struggles to maintain some of the glory of her decaying gardens at their old family homestead in the suburbs. When the son comes home and finds his mother ill, the work of tending to the gardens falls to him. In this task he finds his spiritual roots, which give him the courage to be true to himself.

Jean Wadman, a member of the acting company Senior Moments, makes her debut performance at the Ring as the family matriarch. 'Fireflies' is directed by Craig Fogg, who was last seen at the Ring as the son in 'I Never Sang for My Father.'

With this world premiere of 'Fireflies', The Players' Ring continues its tradition of debuting original works by area playwrights. 'Fireflies' was originally a screenplay and earned Mauriello a fellowship from the Massachusetts Council on the Arts. His earlier romantic comedy 'Just Say Love' debuted at the Ring, went on to play in Boston and Chicago, and soon will be released as a motion picture.

Tickets to 'Fireflies' are \$12 for adults and \$10 for students and seniors, and member discounts will apply. The play runs from May 8 through 31, with performances on Fridays and Saturdays at 8:00 PM and Sundays at 7:00 PM.

The Players' Ring is located on Prescott Park at 105 Marcy Street, across from Strawberry Banke. For reservations, call (603) 436-8123. Details on 'Fireflies' and other upcoming shows are available at www.playersring.org



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