



Ensemble theatre with humor and heart

Dreamcatcher Repertory Theatre

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Photo: New play readings at Dreamcatcher (credit: Steve McIntyre)

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## MAY “MEET THE ARTIST” SERIES AT DREAMCATCHER

DREAMCATCHER REPERTORY THEATRE, professional Theatre in Residence at the Baird Center in South Orange, presents two free readings of new plays as part of its “Meet the Artist” series in May. The readings will be presented at a special location, at the Oakes Center at 120 Morris Avenue in Summit. These evenings will be a chance for Dreamcatcher’s audience to preview their new home; the company will be moving to the Oakes Center for its upcoming season in the fall of 2012.



“Meet the Artist” has been a favorite feature in the Dreamcatcher season since the company’s inception seventeen years ago; this series allows playwrights to hear their work performed by professional actors, and then provides them the opportunity to receive feedback from the audience. After each new play reading, the floor is opened to discussion between the playwright, director, actors and audience to allow the writer to instantly discover which aspects of the play are effective, and which need more attention to be fully realized. It is also an opportunity for Dreamcatcher to hear works under consideration for future production in the coming season.

On Wednesday, May 16 at 7:00 p.m., the company will read **ENGAGEMENT RULES** by Rich Orloff, a New York City playwright with many productions, publications and awards to his credit. This is the story of two couples, one beginning their life together and one who has been together for many years. Extremely funny and thought-provoking, **ENGAGEMENT RULES** examines the compromises and conflicts that ultimately build an enduring relationship. This

script will be directed by Lauren Moran Mills, and will feature DRT company members Noreen Farley, David Miceli, and Jessica O'Hara-Baker, with special guest Kevin Gilmartin.

On Wednesday, May 23 at 7:00 p.m., Dreamcatcher will read a new play by Suzanne Bradbeer, THE JESUS FACTOR, a drama about a potential candidate for the Vice-Presidency who is asked to obscure his true spiritual beliefs in order to win the election. Dreamcatcher has previously produced two of Bradbeer's plays, FULL BLOOM and YOU MISS THEM WHEN THEY'RE NOT AROUND.



Directed by Laura Ekstrand, the reading will feature Dreamcatcher company members Harry Patrick Christian and Harriett Trangucci, joined by guest Rick Delaney.

ENGAGEMENT RULES will be read on Wednesday, May 16 at 7:00 p.m., and THE JESUS FACTOR will be read on Wednesday, May 23 at 7:00 p.m. Admission is free. The performances are at the Oakes Center at 120 Morris Avenue in Summit. For information on this or any of Dreamcatcher Repertory Theatre's programs, please contact Dreamcatcher Repertory Theatre at the Baird Center, 5 Mead Street, South Orange, NJ 07079, 973-378-7754, ext. 2228, [www.DreamcatcherRep.org](http://www.DreamcatcherRep.org).

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