



# TEACHERS WORKSHOP

## *Arthur Miller's DEATH OF A SALESMAN*

The Weston Playhouse, Weston, Vermont

Friday, April 9, 2010

**8:30 AM**

**Registration, Refreshments – Playhouse Lobby**

**9:00 AM**

**Welcome & Introductions – Playhouse Living Room**

**9:10 AM – 10:25 AM**

**First Lecture/Discussion**

### **“How *Death of a Salesman* Breathed New Life into the American Theater”**

*Dr. Susan C.W. Abbotson of Rhode Island College will discuss how Miller developed his concept for Death of a Salesman, how director Elia Kazan and designer Jo Mielziner helped him to realize it, and the subsequent response to this groundbreaking play.*

### **Break**

**10:30 AM - 11:45 AM**

**Second Lecture/Discussion**

### **“From Page to Stage – A director’s approach to *Death of a Salesman*”**

*WPTC Producing Director Steve Stettler, the director of the company’s Fall 2010 production of Death of a Salesman, will give insight into conceptualizing the play. Teachers will be encouraged to draw on the director’s process to tap the imagination and encourage the interpretive abilities of their students. SPECIAL GUEST: Emmy and Obie Award-winning actor Christopher Lloyd will join the session.*

### **Lunch Break – (Page to Stage Teachers please meet together)**

**12:30 PM – 1:45 PM**

**Workshop Sessions**

### **“Private Conversations – an experiential exploration of *Death of a Salesman*”**

*Greg McCaslin, Education Director for New York’s Roundabout Theatre, leads a hands-on workshop that capitalizes on improvisation, tableaux and free writing to explore the themes and relationships in Death of a Salesman.*

**1:45 PM – 3:00 PM**

**Workshop Sessions**

### **“Salesman in the Classroom: Master Teacher Sessions”**

*WPTC Master Teacher Julie Aylward will model techniques and exercises for bringing this play and others to life in the classroom.*

### **Break**

**3:10 PM – 3:30 PM**

**Playwriting Project Session**

*See a sample of our young playwrights at work. Area High School students read 10 minute plays developed in the WPTC Young Playwrights Program led by Dana Yeaton, Professor of Playwriting at Middlebury College. Learn more about this new program nurturing young writers and how it can benefit your students.*

**3:30 PM**

**Wrap-up, Evaluation, Certificates**

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