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SELECTED FULL LENGTH

i loved a certain person ardently

romance in two acts

When his husband is suddenly killed, a young man negotiates a profound sacrifice to remain part of his in-law's family before it is torn apart by grief. One man, mid 20's, one man, early 30s, one man, 50's, one woman mid-30s, one woman 50s. Unit set, modern dress including black tie and cocktail dresses and two sexy Santa costumes

presented Red Theater, Readings at Red, Chicago, June 2026

published Smith & Kraus *Best Women's Monologues of 2024*, December 2024

SELECTED Renaissance Theatre, Emerging Artist, Mansfield OH, September 2023

finalist Capital Rep, Next Act! Albany NY, January 2023

finalist Keegan Theatre, Boiler Room, Washington DC, December 2022

developed Naked Angels, Tuesdays@9 – Chicago, Nov 2022-February 2023

semi-finalist Pandora's Box, 15th Annual New Works Festival, Long Beach, CA, October 2021

semi-finalist Garry Marshall Theatre New Works Festival, Burbank CA, June 2021

And Then Galatea Laughed: A Very Modern Romance

romantic comedy in two acts

On the night before the opening of *Pygmalion* George Bernard Shaw and Mrs. Patrick Campbell reach a turning point in their relationship. Two men, 50s and two women, late 40s to 50s. One interior set on two levels. Requires period costumes, Shakespearean props including Yorick's skull and stage swords, and books. Lots of books

presented Best Medicine Rep, Reading Series, dir: Mia Amado, Gaithersburg MD, March 2025

recorded The Dean Prod's, Premiere the Play, dir: Rebecca Lynn, Los Angeles, September 2022

American Triptych

full-length drama

A pair of struggling street artists adjusting to a global crisis are presented with the break they've been waiting for that calls into question their ethics and morals. One man, 37 – one man, 32 – one woman, 50. Unit set, artists paintings

Zoom Ubiquitous Players, Chicago IL, May 2024

developed Chicago Dramatists with Emilio Williams, Chicago IL March 2024

Jumping Puddles

full-length absurd dark comedy

It is a dark and stormy night, and two families are battling over a hundred-year lease for a parcel of land. One man – 35, one man – 19, one woman – 55. One empty drawing room set with a steamer trunk. Lighting effects. Wearable wedding dress, combat and dress military uniforms.

Zoom Chicago Dramatists, First Draft, Chicago, IL July 2021

developed Primary Stages with Stefanie Zdravec, New York, NY, February 2021

Trojan Woman – Available through Next Stage Press

full-length adaptation of Euripides' *The Trojan Women*

On the verge of global destruction, a vanquished queen must prove she's worthy of winning humanity another chance at existence. Twelve women (six with doubling), late teens to late 50s

presented (excerpts) Ubiquitous Players, Monologia VI, Chicago, August 2025

developed Primary Stages with Stefanie Zdravec, New York, NY July 2022

SELECTED TEN-MINUTE

The Donor Class

ten-minute absurd drama

a couple goes to a clinic to sell the woman's reproductive organs
one woman, early 30s, one man, early 30s, one doctor, any gender.

recorded [Mini Shenanigans](#), dir Rachael Feeney-Williams, London, July 2026

broadcast WIOX-FM, The Open Eye Theater, dir Tim Main, November 2025

published Smith & Kraus *Best Ten-Minute Plays of 2024*, October 2024

published /video The Left Edge Theatre, [Hindsight Festival](#), Santa Rosa, CA, July 2023

Heda and Teah and Bert

ten-minute absurdist comedy

a pampered, pregnant young woman rebels when an old friend appears to have the life she wants.

published [Umbrellas/Fish: Internat'l Journal Absurd/Existential Drama](#), UPenn, December 2026

Paulie Sells All His Shit

ten-minute comic/drama

a young man, disgusted with the political choices of his friends moves to Ireland
three men, 20s

produced Playwright's Round Table, [Summer Shorts](#), Orlando, August 2026

presented (excerpt) Ubiquitous Players, [Monologia VI](#), Chicago, August 2025

Novena

ten-minute comedy/drama

two girls meet at a train trestle and talk love, God and fish.
two female, teens

published [Ponder Review](#), Volume 10, Issue 1: 10:4 Mississippi University of Women, April 2026

Dirt Farm

ten-minute environmental comedy

a precious mineral is discovered giving family farmers dreams of wealth
two men, two women

published [The 6th Festival](#), DePaul University, January 2026

published [Flyway Journal](#), Iowa State University, July 2025

produced Break a Leg Productions, [Earth Day Expo](#), New York, NY, April 2024

presented Storefront Theatre, [We Like Short Shorts](#), Waxhaw NC, March 2024

Opinions

ten-minute absurdist comedy

someone expresses an opinion and others have opinions of their own.
Five actors, any age, ethnicity or gender

presented Short Leap Theatre Company, [PlayFest](#), Dir: Tori Kilkenny Chicago, November 2025

Naked and Afraid

ten-minute absurdist comedy

the emperor has no clothes and he's not happy about it being pointed out to him
two actors, any age, ethnicity or gender, one male, partial nudity

produced microChicago/Prop Thtr, [Rhino Fest](#), Chicago, September 2025

Moonlight Trolley

ten-minute romance

a young woman jilts her fiancé at the altar and finds love on a trolley car

two women, 20s

published (excerpt) Smith & Kraus, *Best Men's Monologues 2026*, December 2026

produced NyLon Fusion, *This Round's on Us*, New York dir: Tyler R. Hawkins June 2025

published *The Ponder Review*, University of Mississippi, Spring 2024

PS I Love You Gerard Butler

ten-minute drama

three friends go to a bar after being traumatized by the film *P.S. I Love You*.

three females, 30s-40s

published (excerpt) Smith & Kraus, *Best Women's Monologues 2026*, December 2026

presented Ghostlight Theatre Ensemble, *Happy Hour*, Chicago, dir: Zoe Sjogerman March 2025

When You're a Brad

ten-minute romantic comedy

two men find love while stalking a Brad

three men, 20s-30s

presented Chicago Dramatists, *Four Loves Festival*, Chicago, IL, February 2024

What's Up Duck

ten-minute absurdist comedy

a person trying to escape the madness of the modern world hibernates in a cave with a duck

two actors, any gender, age

published – *Fresh Words, Hello Godot* (Volume 7), March 2024

published – *Fleas on a Dog*, Issue 9, Plays, July 2021

Leading Players

ten-minute comedy

two actors try to convince each other of their success

two men, one woman, 20s

produced Rhino Theatre Group, Pompton Lakes, NJ, July 2022

finalist/published Centers for the Arts 2022 *Stage It!* Bonita Springs, FL, March 2022

Zoom Bay City Players *A Night of Short Plays*, Bay City MI, September 2020

Cookie Eatin'

ten-minute comedy

a wealthy person decides to take in an animal in need of a home and help a homeless person

three actors of any age, gender or ethnicity.

second place Shawnee Playhouse, *SOPS Short Play Fest 2023*, Shawnee/Delaware, August 2023

semi-finalist Merely Players, *Minnesota Shorts Play Festival*, Mankato MN, March 2023

published (excerpt) *Contemporary Monologues-Volume 1*, online and print, August 2022

published American Blues "Ripped Festival", Chicago, IL June 2022

The Mantrap

ten-minute comedy

a woman goes to her favorite beauty salon for the first time in preparation for a romantic rendezvous

one man, 30s, one woman 60+

published American Blues "Ripped Festival", Chicago, IL June 2021

SELECTED ONE-ACTS

Beulah-Joyce

thirty-minute comedy/drama

A lunch lady takes her life into her own hands

One woman, 20s, one woman, 40s, one man, 50s, one man, 20s

presented Renaissance Theatre, Mansfield OH, dir: Ryan Shealy, January 2026

Actress

thirty-minute drama

A movie goddess wants to make her Broadway debut.

Two women, 30s – one man, 50s – one man 20s

produced Commonwealth University of Pennsylvania – Student production, Fall 2026

published (excerpt) Smith & Kraus, *Best Men's Monologues 2025*, December 2025

published (excerpt) Smith & Kraus, *Best Women's Monologues 2025*, December 2025

presented Shawnee Playhouse, 2025 SOPS Festival, Shawnee on the Delaware, PA, August 2024

Zoom Ubiquitous Players, Chicago IL, June 2024

finalist – Theatre of Western Springs, New Plays Workshop, Western Springs, IL, February 2024

Boys Will Be Boys

thirty-minute comedy

Bobby is turning thirty and he and his friends are suddenly realizing their days of boyhood are coming to an end.

Three men, 30.

Zoom Ubiquitous Players, Chicago, August 2025

Black and White Ball

sixty-minute comedy

Truman Capote hosts a cocktail party for James Baldwin, John Wayne, Tallulah Bankhead and Rock Hudson before his famous Black and White Ball

Zoom Ubiquitous Players, Jan 2024

BIOGRAPHY

Scott Carter Cooper is a Chicago-based playwright whose character-driven work blends humor with emotional and social urgency. His plays have been recognized by Smith & Kraus, published in Ponder Review, and presented by companies including Red Theater, NyLon Fusion, American Blues, and Chicago Dramatists. His work often places complex characters in high-stakes, intimate environments where humor and tension collide. Cooper holds a BFA – Theatre from Drake University and an MA – Writing from DePaul University. scottcartercooper.com

2025 – Renaissance Theatre – Emerging Artists 2025 reader

2024 – Chicago Dramatists – Ean Miles Kessler

2024 – Play Penn – Danny Tejerres

2024, 2021 – Playwright's Network – Chicago Dramatists

2023 – The Panel Presents – Rachel Feeney-Williams, Katie Jones, John Knowles, Nora Louise Syran

2022, 2021 – Primary Stages -- Stefanie Zdravec

2021 – The New Coordinates – Fin Coe

2021– La MaMa – Sharon Bridgforth

Master of Arts in Writing - DePaul University

Bachelor of Fine Arts in Theatre - Drake University

Dramatists Guild Member