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SELECTED FULL LENGTH

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 Productions, Premiere the Play, dir: Rebecca Lynn, Los Angeles, Sept 2022

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

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

SELECTED Renaissance Theatre, Emerging Artist, Michael Thomas, Mansfield OH, Sept 2023

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

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

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

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

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

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 Mar 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, Feb 2021

developed Chicago Dramatists with Dana Lynn Formby, Chicago, IL Dec 2020

Trojan Woman

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, late teens to late 50s

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.

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

published /video The Left Edge Theatre, *Hindsight Festival*, Santa Rosa, CA, July 2023

produced The Lightbulb Factory, *Short Circuit*, dir: Dakota Pariset, Chicago, April 2022

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

finalist Avante Garage Town Hall, Los Angeles, CA, Oct 2019

produced NoMads Art Collective *Sparks: Ten-Min Lab* Dir Christina Casano Chicago, Oct 2019

produced NyLon Fusion *Making Sense Festival* Dir: Gregg Pica NY, NY, March 2019

WINNER/produced Bismarck State College *Ten Minute Competition*, Bismarck, ND, March 2019

P.S. 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

presented Ghostlight Theatre Ensemble, *Happy Hour*, Chicago IL, dir: Zoe Sjogerman Mar 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

produced NyLon Fusion, *This Round's on Us: The Gilded Age*, New York, NY June 2025

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

Dirt Farm

ten-minute environmental comedy

a precious mineral is discovered giving family farmers dreams of wealth

two men, two women

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, Mar 2024

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, Feb 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

Zoom KrisP Productions: *The Village – a Zoom Festival*, Hong Kong, July 2020

Under the Bitter Cherry Blossom Tree

ten-minute verse parable

a wicked cherry blossom tree curses two young men to fall in love, but remain forever defensive

four men, 20s-60s

Zoom The Ubiquitous Players, UBI Short Play Day, Chicago, April 2023

Leading Players

ten-minute comedy

two actors try to convince each other of their success

two men, one woman, 20s

produced Lightbulb Factory, The Process, Chicago, dir: Kamille Dawkins/Eliza Tryon, March 2023

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, Sept 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, S.O.P.S Short Play Fest 2023, Shawnee on Delaware, Aug 2023

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

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

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

Stoned

Ten-minute drama

two women go to the local cemetery to pay their respects to a friend

video/Winner Best Play Equity Library Theatre New York, dir: Dakota Pariset, March 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

Zoe, Dei, Bees

ten-minute light drama

a privileged boy wanders into an abandoned church while an elder readies the church for sale

one person any gender, 40s to 70s. one boy 13

Zoom Crafton Hills College, New Works Festival, Yucaipa CA, May 2021

published (excerpt) Smith & Kraus, *Best Men's Monologues 2021*, Aug 2021

produced The Artistic Home, Cut to the Chase, Chicago, IL, dir: Alexander McRae, Aug 2019

Weather or Not

ten-minute comedy

Dionysus, The Archangel Gabriel, and Benjamin Franklin all meet at Halsted Market Days to determine if mankind is worth saving

three male, 20s, one male 80's

produced The Sixth Festival, Chicago, IL Apr, 2021

SELECTED ONE-ACTS

Actress

thirty-minute drama

A movie goddess wants to make her Broadway debut.

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

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

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

Rage of Fools

twenty-minute absurdist comedy

A young director auditions two veteran actors for his production of *King Lear*

Two men, 20s – two men, 60s

The Reveal

thirty-minute comedy

A transman is having a baby and breaks the news to his mother, while the rest of the family tries to determine the baby's gender.

One ciswoman, 50s one ciswoman, 30s, two cismen, 30s, one transman, 30s

BIOGRAPHY

Scott Carter Cooper is a Chicago-based playwright whose work is tailored to small professional companies with diverse ensembles. His short-form pieces have been successful with several local companies including American Blues, The Artistic Home, Ghostlight Theatre Ensemble, Chicago Dramatists, and The Lightbulb Factory as well as nationally and beyond. Cooper holds a BFA – Theatre from Drake University and an MA – Writing from DePaul University. scottcartercooper.com

2025 – microChicago Resident Playwright

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 Zadavec

2021 – The New Coordinates – Fin Coe

2021– La MaMa – Sharon Bridgforth

2020 –Chicago Dramatists – Dana Lynn Formby

2020 –The John F. Kennedy Center – James Anthony Tyler, Jacqueline Goldfinger, Chisa Hutchinson, Gary Garrison

Master of Arts in Writing - DePaul University

Bachelor of Fine Arts in Theatre - Drake University

Dramatists Guild Member