

Thesmophoria

A Celebration of Wisconsin's Rural Women

Created & Directed
by Jessica Lanius

With Performances By

Annie Barzen

Jessie Byrnes

Sarah Colby

Emily Eubanks

Kory Flores

Ally Frosch

Teyanna Marx

Kitty Murphy

Kym Nolden

Kris Pickar

Ilona Pinzke

Cathy Prescott

Cindy Quam

Jaime Quam

Diane Sullivan

Created in collaboration
with Artists Jane Barrell
& Kelly Parks Snider

Assistant Director

Tracy Madison

Sound & Media Designer

Alexander Bruehl

Lighting Designer

Brad Toberman

Gallery Talk Nov. 18th, 4:00 pm with Kelly Parks Snider



November 17th: 7:30 pm ★ November 18th: 2:00 pm & 7:30 pm

Tickets: \$10 and can be purchased at the Sauk Prairie Community Center or online at www.riverartscenter.org. Information call (608) 643-5634 or e-mail rai@riverartscenter.org

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This production is made possible by a grant from the Sauk County Arts, Humanities and Historic Preservation Committee

“What makes this piece **extraordinary** is the genuine emotional experience it elicits.”

Debbie Hood, NYTheatre.com

“Theatre Lila makes its debut with a strongly experiential approach. It is the kind of theater that demands your attention through physical urgency and immediacy....

This is one of the best pieces of theatre I've seen in 5 years!”

Bryn Manion, Offoffonline.com

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World premiere by Artistic Director Jessica Lanius
River Arts Center in Sauk Prairie WI
November 17th & 18th

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Nov. 2nd, 2006 (Sauk Prairie, WI) New York City Artistic Director, Jessica Lanius has been commissioned to write, direct and choreograph an original play entitled **THESMOPHORIA** for River Arts Center in Sauk Prairie, WI. *Thesmophoria* was commissioned by River Arts Inc. as part of their **Rural Women: Voice & Spirit** exhibit featuring Madison artist Kelly Parks Snider and videographer Jane Bartell.

Sauk Prairie native, Jessica Lanius, Artistic Director of Theatre Lila in New York City has created an original work inspired by interviews conducted with women throughout Wisconsin. Applying her unique theatrical style of Choreographic Theatre, Ms. Lanius dynamically fuses acting and text with modern dance and physical gestures to create a visual feast for her audience. Thesmophoria is a multi-media performance collage with an all female cast of 14 community actors and dancers bringing to life the memories, images, confessions, trials and celebrations of Wisconsin's rural women.

Painter, Kelly Parks Snider will paint live on stage! Lights will come up on Snider and her blank canvas as she begins to work, she will continue throughout the play to paint until her canvas is complete when the play ends. Poetry by local

Wisconsin female poets will be featured: Elizabeth Rooney (Storing September), Amy Gosheck, Judy Douglas & Jan Libby .

Jessica Lanius, Artistic Director of Theatre Lila received critical acclaim for her piece entitled *The Waltz of Elementary Particles*, which premiered in New York City at The American Theatre of Actors in 2004. Lanius was also profiled by *BackStage* for her much-lauded New York premiere of *Shakespeare's Women: Under the Corset* in 2003. Lanius' choreography for *Sixteen Women While You Watched* was chosen to be performed at ACDFAs at The Kennedy Center in Washington D.C in 1996. Read more at www.theatrelila.com

THEATRE LÎLA: Through 'the Art of Fusion' Lila approaches works with fresh and fearless eyes. Fusing movement, text, dance, multimedia, and storytelling, LÎLA bridges the gap between the visually exciting and emotionally alive. Through their unique rehearsal process, LÎLA is committed to EXPANDING theatrical terrain into a combustible landscape. Testing physical, psychological, and emotional boundaries, LÎLA seeks to make the invisible... visible.

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