



Thanks from Playwrights Local

As of September 2023, Playwrights Local has suspended its operations. We're grateful to our community for its patronage and creative contributions and just plain, good old positive vibes. Thank you all for being part of this story.

Playwrights Local was the first and only company with the mission of supporting the dramatic writers of Northeast Ohio. We're proud to have brought attention to the deep, deserving talent in our area.

It was always our objective to serve playwrights in a holistic sense, and part of that was maintaining a website with detailed records of their work. In addition to audio plays recorded for our PL Radio channel, this site hosts author bios, programs, photos, reviews, and more. For the time being, we will try to keep this archive active.

Around the time we made this decision, *The New York Times* exclaimed that "American theater is imploding before our eyes." The *L.A. Times* warned of a "crisis at regional theaters nationwide," while *American Theatre* lamented an "extraordinary moment of contraction." Companies focusing on new plays have been particularly hard hit as of late, with *Playbill* identifying "a concerning trend" in which "institutions that specialize in new, original creations are shuttering." Times are always tough in this business, and of course there are other factors affecting Playwrights Local's fortunes, including some that are internal. For those seeking an explanation, though, this may help put our move in context.

Playwrights Local was founded by playwrights on behalf of playwrights. Thank you again for supporting us in this labor of love.

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