

About Firebelly Productions



Firebelly Productions, founded in 2002, is part of the professional theatre scene in the Washington, D. C. area, second only to New York City in its scope and its variety in venues, audiences, and attendance. Firebelly is unique in its mission to help young adults train and gain professional experience as actor, technicians, and playwrights. In addition to our outreach in training to young adults, we also:

- Use material that has equal casting opportunities for young adult artists, providing a creative environment where they can train and work alongside experienced professionals

- Create a sense of a working ensemble of artists

- Provide actors, technicians, playwrights, and others in the arts, as well as senior citizens, opportunities to participate or attend

- Offer the power of theater to generally overlooked or underserved audiences, including seniors in assisted living facilities, children and families in shelters or subsidized facilities; and patrons of community centers

In its first season, Firebelly's high-quality performances and unique mission won the first-ever, only awarded Bright New Star Award, awarded by the Arlington County (Virginia) Commission for the Arts. For more details, reviews of our productions, and history, please visit www.firebellyproductions.net.

Great opportunities have followed:

- Invitation from the Prague International School to perform *Waiting for Godot* by Samuel Beckett, took the cast to Prague in August 2004

- Tony Award-winning playwright Ken Ludwig attended and participated in a Question and Answer session with cast, crew, and a sold-out house following our performance of his play *Moon Over Buffalo*. Mr. Ludwig makes it a policy not to attend any performances of his plays unless they open on Broadway in New York City or in London. Why did he come to Firebelly's production: "I believe in what they do," he said.

- Acceptance into the Faust International Festival, Hong Kong, June 2006. Our new playwrights' works will be performed at a variety of venues during and outside of the two-week Festival.

Firebelly Productions is a non-profit, tax-exempt organization under 501c (3) of the United States Internal Revenue Service Code. All donations are tax deductible to the fullest extent of the law. Our mailing address is Firebelly Productions, Inc., 4908 North 17th Street, Arlington, VA 22207, USA. Checks can be made payable to Firebelly Productions.

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