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West End Players Guild presents the world premiere of Stephen Peirick's *Wake Up, Cameron Dobbs.*

ST. LOUIS, MO (February 14, 2012) – It will be world premiere night on February 24th at Union Avenue Christian Church as the West End Players Guild presents Stephen Peirick's new comedy *Wake Up, Cameron Dobbs*, directed by Robert Ashton

The show will run through March 4, with performances at 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays and 2 p.m. on Sundays.

Cameron Dobbs is the first full-length play by Peirick, a Union, Missouri, native who has performed as an actor with West End Players Guild, Stray Dog Theatre, New Jewish Theatre and numerous other companies in St. Louis and Los Angeles. Peirick's previous works have been short one-acts, and he has won numerous playwriting competitions regionally.

In the play, it's Cameron Dobbs' birthday. He thinks he's going to have a quiet dinner at his brother and sister-in-law's apartment, but he's in for a few surprises. It turns out he's allergic to the food, his mother is coming over, his sister-in-law is introducing him to a wonderful girl she knows and he's managed to fall flat on his face in the gutter on the way to the apartment. He just can't tell any of these people to let him live his own life -- or can he? The cast includes John Foughty as Cameron, Eric Dean White as Cameron's brother Owen, Colleen Backer as sister-in-law Abby, Jan Meyer as Cameron's mother and Sarajane Alverson as Natalie, Abby's work friend and Cameron's blind date.

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Tickets to see *Wake Up, Cameron Dobbs* are \$20 and can be purchased at the box office or online. Visit www.WestEndPlayers.org for more information and a link to the on-line box office. More information also is available by phone at 314/367-0025.

West End Players Guild also has announced the cast for the final show of its 2011-2012 season, Eugene Ionesco's absurdist comedy *Exit the King*, directed by Renee Sevier-Monsey. Robert Ashton will play Berenger the First, the King who has only the length of the play left to live. His current and former wives Queen Marguerite (Nancy Crouse) and Queen Marie (Bridget Barisonek) must help him prepare for his journey. They are assisted by the Guard (Reginald Pierre), Nurse Juliette (Liana Kopchak) and the Doctor/Surgeon/Executioner/Bacteriologist and Astrologist (David Gibbs). *Exit the King* will be presented April 13-22.

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NOTE TO MEDIA: A video interview with playwright Stephen Peirick has been posted on YouTube and can be viewed by visiting www.WestEndPlayers.org.

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It's a tug of war between Cameron Dobbs' mother (played by Jan Meyer, L) and his blind date Natalie (Sarajane Alverson, R), and Cameron (John Foughty, on couch) is the rope. Cameron's brother Owen (Eric Dean White, behind couch) looks on. (Photo credit: John Lamb)