

Dramatists Guild 
of America

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Dear Mr. Panitch:

I was delighted to read about *Hell: Paradise Found* and wanted to write to invite you to become a member of the Dramatists Guild today.

It's a simple truth. There really is strength in numbers. For nearly a century, the people who write for the stage have had an advocate, a cheerleader, a safe haven and a community thanks to the Dramatists Guild.

Arthur Miller liked to tell the following story about the day he joined.

"It was the early 1940s. I got a call from a producer named John Golden who owned a theater on 45th Street that still has his name on it. He wanted to talk to me about writing a play. I went to see him . . . I was curious about a bookcase behind his desk filled with at least two hundred leather bound volumes. I reached up and opened one of the books. It was a play written by some name I didn't know and John Golden. I opened another volume—a play by someone and John Golden. All the books were plays going back to the turn of the century co-authored by John Golden . . . I told him I didn't know he was a playwright. 'No,' he explained. 'I buy the plays and fix them up and put my name on them.' Who gets the royalties? 'I get the royalties.' I left the office and went over and joined the Dramatists Guild."

Much has changed since those heady days but much has not. The theatre still remains one of the few places where the work of the writer is respected and protected in large part thanks to the efforts of our Guild. We invite you to join your fellow playwrights, composers and lyricists by standing together for the unrivaled value of what we do—it all starts with us.

Call me anytime and I'd be glad to answer any questions you might have concerning the Guild and the benefits of membership.

Sincerely,



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