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**TheatreRats to Feature Emerging Artists from Across the Country in  
*The First Annual Chester Horn Short Play Festival***

NEW YORK, NY, APRIL 8, 2005 – TheatreRats TheatreRats is proud to announce that it will produce *The First Annual Chester Horn Short Play Festival*. Featuring emerging directors, writers and performers from across the country and honoring the memory of a beloved patron, the festival will be held June 21-26 at The American Theatre of Actors in the Sargent Theater. The theater is located at 314 West 54th Street, 4th Floor. Performances are at 8 PM Tuesday through Saturday. Sunday will feature a 3 PM matinee and an awards reception to follow.

“Before he passed away, Chester wanted to help make all my dreams come true. My grandfather was my hero” says Michael Ruby, TheatreRats Associate Artistic Director and grandson of the festival’s patron.

“Thanks to Grandpa’s generosity, we’re bringing together many, many artists to honor their work, and to honor him,” Ruby adds “This year’s event will be the beginning of a really special tradition”

The festival will feature 12 10-minute plays presented in two series of six, with each series receiving three performances. All shows are making their New York premieres, and many of the playwrights will be in attendance. The show is to be produced as an Equity approved Showcase (pending approval).

TheatreRats is a rapidly developing non-profit organization whose aim is to reinvigorate a sense of community among artists in New York. TheatreRats produces and stages dramas and musicals, offers workshops and seminars, and provides industry information and support to help members of the theatrical community to hone their craft on and off the stage.

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For more information on the Festival, the plays and the artists involved, go online to [www.theatrerats.com](http://www.theatrerats.com). Tickets are \$15 and can be reserved in advance or purchased at the door. To reserve tickets, please call 203-882-9173 or email [theatrerats@yahoo.com](mailto:theatrerats@yahoo.com).

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