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“RLTP Honors Buffalo’s Playwright Laureate by Establishing the Emanuel Fried New Play Workshop”

BUFFALO, NY – RLTP Honors Buffalo’s Playwright Laureate with the establishment of the Emanuel Fried New Play Workshop, formerly known as the RLTP New Play Workshop.

Artistic Director Scott Behrend stated, “Manny is a theatrical legend in our community and his association with RLTP has been invaluable to the continued growth of our theater company.”

Road Less Traveled Productions is heading into the final year of a three-year retrospective of Fried’s plays. RLTP opened The Road Less Traveled Theater in 2006 with Manny’s classic *THE DODO BIRD*. It continued its retrospective this season when Manny himself returned to the stage as playwright and actor in *BOILERMAKERS & MARTINIS*. RLTP’s ‘08/’09 Season will feature the final play in the retrospective, to be announced soon.

RLTP’s New Play Workshop is the development hub for Western New York playwrights and is the lifeblood of RLTP’s continued mission to develop and produce plays by Western New York writers.

The New Play Workshop, a program under the supervision of **Resident Playwright Jon Elston**, is dedicated to supporting playwrights in development of scripts with strong production and performance values. Over the course of the year, playwrights will write and hone their scripts. The Emanuel Fried New Play Workshop then presents readings of these new scripts to the public. These readings team the playwrights with some of WNY’s leading talent and tests the audience-readiness of these new plays.

Scott Behrend and Jon Elston founded Road Less Traveled Productions in 2002. Its mission is to develop and produce original dramas by local playwrights.

The Road Less Traveled Theater, is located inside **the Market Arcade Film & Arts Centre, 639 Main Street**, in the heart of Buffalo’s theatre district, across from Shea’s.

For information and reservations, please visit www.roadlesstraveledproductions.org or **call the box office at (716) 629-3069**.

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