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Motivational Theatre's opening night of "The 'R' Word" celebrates playwright

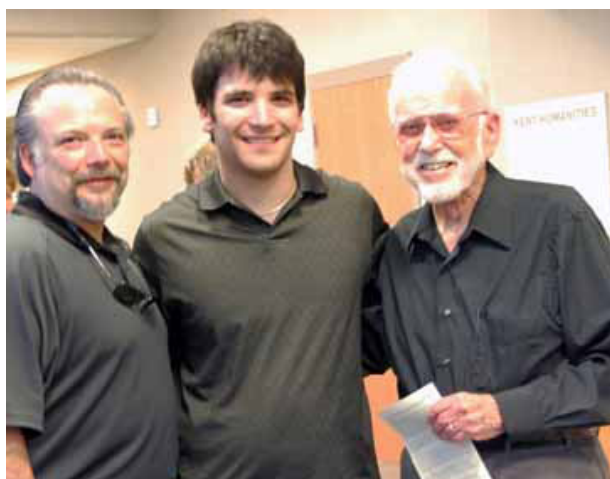
"The 'R' Word" opened at Chesapeake College this past Friday, April 29, presented in collaboration by the Hugh Gregory Gallagher Motivational Theatre and the Peake Players. The author of the play and winner of the 2011 Carlton E. Spitzer Excellence in Writing Award, Ryan Schube, flew in from Georgia for the occasion, and was presented an honorary plaque.

Based upon his own life experiences, Schube's play is about a young teen with Tourette syndrome compelled by the courts to work at a group home for adults with developmental disabilities. A narrow-minded rebel at first, he slowly succumbs to a new perception of responsibility and sensitivity, all while struggling to conceal his own disability. This drama of ignorance and love gives insight into the pain and hope of everyday individuals with challenging lives.

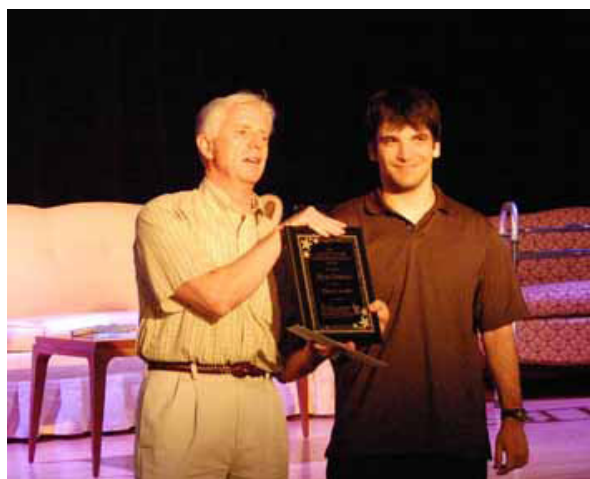


The cast of "The 'R' Word" takes a bow after opening night. From left: Pat Wildt as Sam, Judy Gordan as Michaela, Nick Roetzel as Darrell, Harper Lee as Brooke, Sam Martin as Jordan, Stefan Tisdale as Tom, Eric Mihan as Sanford, Rebekah Becraft as Abigail, and Derek Alexander French as Nate.

The play continues Friday, May 6 and Saturday, May 7 at 8pm, and Sunday, May 8 at 2pm at the Cadby Studio Theatre at Chesapeake College. Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$6 for students, and free to Chesapeake College students. Government employees with a government-issued ID receive \$5 off the ticket price. Thanks to a generous grant from the disAbility Coalition of Talbot County, tickets are provided free of charge to consumers of disability services and a guest/support person. Please be advised the play contains strong language. For more information or to reserve tickets, call 410-570-5765 or email bob@MotivationalTheatre.com.



From left, Mike Schube and Ryan Schube, author of "The 'R' Word" meet Carlton E. Spitzer, the founder of Motivational Theatre at the play's opening night.



Motivational Theatre Executive Director Bob Chauncey presents Ryan Schube, author of "The 'R' Word" the 2010 Carlton E. Spitzer Excellence in Writing Award.