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Ms. Kathryn Farley 1416 Hinman Ave., Apt. 9 Evanston, IL 60201

Dear Ms. Farley:

I want to thank you for your work as an assistant director in the Twelfth Annual New Play Development Workshop of the Playwrights Program of the Association for Theatre in Higher Education at ATHE's national conference in Chicago, August 2 - 5, 2001.

You did an excellent job in helping to guide Denny Berthiaume's revisions and development of his play, You've Never Left This Place. Along with the rest of the audience at the public showcase of the plays on Sunday, August 5, the New Play Development Workshop producers were impressed with the quality of script which you, Denny, and the rest of the team produced. In addition, let me share some comments from your team. Your playwright appreciated your professionalism, dedication, and organizational skills. One actor commented that you were "a great help, both technically and to the dramaturgical process. Kathryn made this experience worry-free so we could each concentrate on the play itself." Your director noted that "This woman is ready to walk into any professional or academic theatre and make huge contributions. She is very intelligent and imaginative and totally dependable. She was consistently one step ahead of me and does a wonderful job of respectfully and good-naturedly keeping things on track." Your dramaturg added that "she was wonderful, did her preconference homework, and was well organized." Again, my congratulations and thanks for your work.

I see the New Play Development Workshop as the most vital and productive single element in the ATHE conference, we don't just talk about theatre--we do the most basic work of theatre, developing new scripts and playwrights. Your efforts as a fine assistant director contributed significantly to the success of this year's Workshop.

I hope you are interested in participating in next year's Workshop in San Diego. If you are, please communicate your interest to me at 7847 Flight Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90045; phone (310) 670-0362/ FAX (310) 215-0967. My e-mail is jroyer@earthlink.net. I look forward to our continued association in support of new writing for the theatre.

Yours truly,

Judith Royer, New Plays Production Coordinator,

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