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**“Panic” a play by Joseph Goodrich and discovered during the 2007 International Mystery Writers’ Festival WINS the Edgar at glitzy Edgar Awards in NYC!**

OWENSBORO, Ky. – This year’s Edgar Awards proved to be an exciting night for producers of The International Mystery Writers’ Festival, as one of the works discovered at the 2007 International Mystery Writers’ Festival took top honors for Best New Play. Zev Buffman, producer, and Roxi Witt, associate producer, were in NYC for the star studded event. NBC’s “Today Show” host, Al Roker was the emcee for the evening’s pre-show reception and shared words of encouragement with Buffman and Witt.

Ironically, Rupert Holmes, presented the “Best New Play” Edgar to Joseph Goodrich for his play “PANIC.” Holmes is a participant and competitor in this year’s IMWF. Holmes, the creator/writer of the Current Broadway hit “Curtains,” is bringing his critically-hailed Emmy Award winning ‘dramedy’ “Remember WENN” to be a part of the highly anticipated WideScreen Audio Live (WSAL) at the festival.

All Three of the nominees in The Edgars’ best new play category were discovered at the 2007 International Mystery Writers’ Festival. The Nominees were: “If/Then” by David Foley, “Books” by Stuart M. Kaminsky and “Panic” by Joseph Goodrich. As previously mentioned, Goodrich was awarded the coveted Edgar for his play “Panic.”

“Panic” takes place in 1960s Paris as a film director befriends a French film critic striving to be a director. Their futures are in jeopardy when a past relationship brings blackmail and leads to a murder.

Goodrich is a writer and actor from Minnesota. His plays have been produced in New York City, Los Angeles, San Francisco, New Orleans, Minneapolis/Saint Paul, and Portland, ME. He has plays included in The Backstage Book of New Short American Plays and in Padua: Plays from the Padua Hills Playwrights Festival. His poetry has

appeared in the Venice West Review, his fiction in Bullet magazine, and he is a contributor to Conducting A Life: Reflections On The Theatre Of Maria Irene Fornes. His work runs the gamut from opera libretti to comic books.

The 2008 International Mystery Writers' Festival is on pace to eclipse the success of the inaugural event, which drew 50 percent of its audience from out of state, sold out a majority of performances and swept the Best Play category for the Edgar Awards. Premieres this year include a lost play by Agatha Christie that will make its U.S. premiere, the world premiere of a Sherlock Holmes movie by Edgar-winning author Stuart Kaminsky, as well as works by Ray Bradbury, Rupert Holmes and Mary Higgins Clark, who will participate in the festival and receive the First Lady of Mystery Award. In addition, some very well known and respected directors will be joining the festival, including Tony Award winner and legendary actor/director Brian Bedford.

The festival will take place from June 12-22 at the RiverPark Center in Owensboro. Visit [www.newmysteries.org](http://www.newmysteries.org) to order tickets and for additional information.

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