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SELECTED FULL LENGTH

i loved a certain person ardently

romance in two acts

When his husband is suddenly killed, a young man negotiates a profound sacrifice to remain part of his in-law's family before it is torn apart by grief. One man, mid 20's, one man, early 30s, one man, 50's, one woman mid-30s, one woman 50s. Unit set, modern dress including black tie and cocktail dresses and two sexy Santa costumes.

[published](#) Smith & Kraus [Best Women's Monologues of 2024](#), Dec 2024

[SELECTED](#) Renaissance Theatre, [Emerging Artist](#), Michael Thomas, Mansfield OH, Sept 2023

[finalist](#) Capital Rep, [Next Act!](#), Albany NY, Jan 2023

[finalist](#) Keegan Theatre, [Boiler Room](#), Washington DC, Dec 2022

[developed](#) Naked Angels, Tuesdays@9 – Chicago, Nov 2022-Feb 2023

[semi-finalist](#) Pandora's Box, 15th Annual New Works Festival, Long Beach, CA, Oct, 2021

[semi-finalist](#) Garry Marshall Theatre New Works Festival, Burbank CA, June 2021

American Triptych

full-length drama

A pair of struggling street artists adjusting to a global crisis are presented with the break they've been waiting for that calls into question their ethics and morals. One man, 37 – one man, 32 – one woman, 50. Unit set, artists paintings.

[Zoom](#) Ubiquitous Players, Chicago IL, May 2024

[developed](#) Chicago Dramatists with Emilio Williams, Chicago IL Mar 2024

And Then Galatea Laughed: A Very Modern Romance

romantic comedy in two acts

On the night before the opening of *Pygmalion* George Bernard Shaw and Mrs. Patrick Campbell reach a turning point in their relationship. Two men, 50s and two women, late 40s to 50s. One interior set on two levels. Requires period costumes, Shakespearean props including Yorick's skull and stage swords, and books. Lots of books.

[recorded](#) The Dean Productions Theatre, Premiere the Play, Los Angeles, Sept 2022

[semi-finalist](#) B Street Theatre, New Comedy Festival, Sacramento, CA, April 2019

Jumping Puddles

full-length absurd dark comedy

It is a dark and stormy night, and two families are battling over a hundred-year lease for a parcel of land. One man – 35, one man – 19, one woman – 55. One empty drawing room set with a steamer trunk. Lighting effects. Wearable wedding dress, combat and dress military uniforms.

[Zoom](#) Chicago Dramatists, First Draft, Chicago, IL July 2021

[developed](#) Primary Stages with Stefanie Zdravec, New York, NY, Feb 2021

[developed](#) Chicago Dramatists with Dana Lynn Formby, Chicago, IL Dec 2020

Trojan Woman

full-length adaptation of Euripides' The Trojan Women

On the verge of global destruction, a vanquished queen must prove she's worthy of winning humanity another chance at existence. Twelve women, late teens to late 50s

[developed](#) Primary Stages with Stefanie Zdravec, New York, NY July 2022

SELECTED TEN-MINUTE

The Donor Class

ten-minute absurd drama

a couple goes to a clinic to sell the woman's reproductive organs.

one woman, early 30s, one man, early 30s, one doctor, any gender.

[published](#) Smith & Kraus [Best Ten-Minute Plays of 2024](#), Oct 2024

[presented/published](#) The Left Edge Theatre, [Hindsight Festival](#), Santa Rosa, CA, July 2023

[produced](#) The Lightbulb Factory, [Short Circuit](#), dir: Dakota Pariset, Chicago, April 2022

[Zoom](#) Bay City Players [A Night of Short Plays](#), Bay City MI, Sept 2020

[finalist](#) Avante Garage Town Hall, Los Angeles, CA, Oct 2019

[produced](#) NoMads Art Collective [Sparks: Ten-Min Lab](#) Dir Christina Casano Chicago, Oct 2019

[produced](#) NyLon Fusion [Making Sense Festival](#) Dir: Gregg Pica NY, NY, March 2019

[WINNER/produced](#) Bismarck State College Ten Minute Competition, Bismarck, ND, March 2019

Dirt Farm

ten-minute environmental comedy

a precious mineral is discovered giving family farmers dreams of wealth

two men, two women

[produced](#) Break a Leg Productions, [Earth Day Expo](#), New York, NY, April 2024

[presented](#) Storefront Theatre, [We Like Short Shorts](#), Waxhaw NC, Mar 2024

When You're a Brad

ten-minute romantic comedy

two men find love while stalking a Brad.

three men, 20s-30s

[presented](#) Chicago Dramatists, [Four Loves Festival](#), Chicago, IL, Feb 2024

Moonlight Trolley

ten-minute romance

a young woman jilts her fiancé at the altar and finds love on a trolley car

two women, 20s

[published](#) The Ponder Review, University of Mississippi, Spring 2024

What's Up Duck

ten-minute absurdist comedy

a person trying to escape the madness of the modern world hibernates in a cave with a duck

two actors, any gender, age

[published](#) – Fresh Words, Hello Godot (Volume 7), March 2024

[published](#) – Fleas on a Dog, Issue 9, Plays, July 2021

[Zoom](#) KrisP Productions: [The Village – a Zoom Festival](#), Hong Kong, July 2020

Leading Players

ten-minute comedy

two actors try to convince each other of their success.

two men, one woman, 20s

[produced](#) Lightbulb Factory, [The Process](#), Chicago, dir: Kamille Dawkins/Eliza Tryon, March 2023

[produced](#) Rhino Theatre Group, Pompton Lakes, NJ, July 2022

[finalist/published](#) Centers for the Arts 2022 [Stage It!](#), Bonita Springs, FL, March 2022

[Zoom](#) Bay City Players [A Night of Short Plays](#), Bay City MI, Sept 2020

finalist Silverthorne Theater Company, [Short & Sweet Festival](#), Turner Falls, MA Nov 2019
Spotlight Award True Acting Institute [Best Ten-Minute Plays 2018](#), Sept 2018

Under the Bitter Cherry Blossom Tree

ten-minute verse parable

a wicked cherry blossom tree curses two young men to fall in love, but remain forever defensive
four men, 20s-60s

Zoom The Ubiquitous Players, [UBI Short Play Day](#), Chicago, April 2023

Cookie Eatin'

ten-minute comedy

a wealthy person decides to take in an animal in need of a home and help a homeless person.
three actors of any age, gender or ethnicity.

produced Shawnee Playhouse, [S.O.P.S Short Play Fest 2023](#), Shawnee on Delaware, Aug 2023

semi-finalist Merely Players, [Minnesota Shorts Play Festival](#), Mankato MN, March, 2023

published (excerpt) [Contemporary Monologues-Volume 1](#), online and print, Aug 2022

published American Blues [Ripped Festival](#), Chicago, IL June 2022

The Mantrap

ten-minute comedy

a woman goes to her favorite beauty salon for the first time in preparation for a romantic rendezvous
one man, 30s, one woman 60+

published American Blues [Ripped Festival](#), Chicago, IL June 2021

Who's Your Daddy?

ten-minute comedy

a man discovers through social media that he has more in common with his father than he realized.
one male, 50s, one male 20's

produced Light Bulb Factory [Short Circuit: Saligia](#), Dir: William Dole, Chicago, IL Oct 2022

recorded Flash Radio Theatre, Chicago, IL, May 2018

produced Story Camp Theatre, [Come Out and Play](#), Orlando FL, Oct 2018

Zoe, Dei, Bees

ten-minute light drama

a privileged boy wanders into an abandoned church while an elder readies the church for sale
one person any gender, 40s to 70s. one boy 13

Zoom Crafton Hills College, [New Works Festival](#), Yucaipa CA, May 2021

published (excerpt) Smith & Kraus, [Best Men's Monologues 2021](#), Aug 2021

produced The Artistic Home, [Cut to the Chase](#), Chicago, IL, dir: Alexander McRae, Aug 2019

SELECTED ONE-ACTS

Actress

thirty-minute drama

A movie goddess wants to make her Broadway debut.

Two women, 30s – one man, 50s – one man 20s

finalist – Theatre of Western Springs, [New Plays Workshop](#), Western Springs, IL, February 2024

Beulah-Joyce

twenty-minute drama

A lunch lady reaches for a dream over twenty years

One woman, 40s, one woman, 20s, one man 50s, one man 30s

ANTHOLOGIES

The Morning Glory Stories

anthology of six short plays about small-town women during the Great Depression
fifteen female roles, ages 20-70. Doubling possible.

Zoom Bay City Players, Bay City MI, Sept 2020

recorded Flash Radio Theatre, Chicago, IL Jan 2019

Novena - two young women meet on a train trestle discuss the cosmos

By Hook or By Crook – a woman deals with an unplanned pregnancy.

The Girls of the Club Café – a mother and daughter's plans for the future are wildly different

Over the Edge - three women gossip about ways to make money and an infidelity

produced What's On Tom Shame, Kilkenny, Ireland, Sept 2019

Stoned – Two women go to the local cemetery to pay their respects to a friend

Zoom/Winner, Best Play Equity Library Theatre New York, dir: Dakota Pariset, March 2022

Catching Moonlight in a Sparkling White Dress – a woman jilts her fiancé and hops a train.

Toxic Masculinity

anthology of short plays about young men exploring masculinity
four men, one woman 20s.

Downhill - ten minute comedy about the stages of life.

My Thoughts on Oscar Wilde - five-minute monolog about a secret love.

Zoom Hear Me Out, Some1Speaking, dir: Suzanne Bachner, Oct 2021

Boys Will Be Boys - twenty-five minute comedy about becoming a man in today's society.

semi-finalist Dubuque Fine Arts 45th Annual One-Act Competition, Dubuque, IA June 2022

Confession - ten-minute drama about loss and revenge

The Marrieds - ten-minute comedy about the battle of the sexes

The Black and White Ball – sixty-minute comedy - Truman Capote hosts a cocktail party for

James Baldwin, John Wayne, Tallulah Bankhead and Rock Hudson before his famous

Black and White Ball

Zoom Ubiquitous Players, Jan 2024

BIOGRAPHY

Scott Carter Cooper is a Chicago-based playwright whose work is tailored to small professional companies with diverse ensembles looking for economical plays to produce. His short-form pieces have been successful with several local companies including American Blues, The Artistic Home, Chicago Dramatists, and The Lightbulb Factory as well as nationally and beyond. Cooper holds a BFA – Theatre from Drake University and an MA – Writing from DePaul University.

2025 – Renaissance Theatre – Emerging Artists 2025 reader

2024 – Play Penn – Danny Tejerer

2024, 2021 – Playwright's Network – Chicago Dramatists

2023 – The Panel Presents – Rachel Feeney-Williams, Katie Jones, John Knowles, Nora Louise Syran

2022, 2021 – Primary Stages -- Stefanie Zadravec

2021 – The New Coordinates – Fin Coe

2021– La MaMa – Sharon Bridgforth

2020 –Chicago Dramatists – Dana Lynn Formby

2020 –The John F. Kennedy Center – James Anthony Tyler, Jacqueline Goldfinger, Chisa Hutchinson, Gary Garrison

2020 –Chicago Dramatists – Kristiana Rae Colon

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