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**HERSHEY AREA PLAYHOUSE TO HOLD  
AUDITIONS FOR *THE BOYS NEXT DOOR***

HERSHEY, Pennsylvania—February 3, 2009 – Hershey Area Playhouse is pleased to announce auditions for its upcoming production of *The Boys Next Door*. This production will be directed by Playhouse Founder and veteran director Skip Becker and produced by theatre professional Patrick Seeley.

Auditions will be held on Sunday, March 1, 2009 and Monday, March 2, 2009, from 7:00 pm until 9:00 pm each evening. Audition forms can be downloaded by visiting [HersheyAreaPlayhouse.com](http://HersheyAreaPlayhouse.com) and auditions will be held at Hershey Area Playhouse at Country Meadows, located on Sand Hill Road at Cherry Drive in Hershey.

The director is looking for a core cast of men who are "older." He would like an older African American as well as a young, 30-ish, idealistic man in the mix. This cast will need to have a depth of acting experience to pull off their characters without ridiculing them. He would like women who can create a

dissonant personality. He will also be looking for a character actor who has a short but powerful confrontation with his disadvantaged son who is of nondescript age and comportment. The set is spare and stark and the costumes are slightly off-key conventional - two different socks, ill-fitting pants.

The production will run from April 23, 2009 through May 3, 2009.

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Hershey Area Playhouse ([www.HersheyAreaPlayhouse.com](http://www.HersheyAreaPlayhouse.com)) is a 501(c) (3) non-profit organization dedicated to providing residents of the community with an opportunity to participate in the creation and production of a theatrical experience. Since its inception in 1999, Hershey Area Playhouse has staged 33 productions at numerous venues around the Hershey area. In April 2007, the Playhouse opened its new permanent home, Hershey Area Playhouse at Country Meadows.