

## REPRESENTED THEATRE COMPANY GOES UNDER CONSTRUCTION IN THE 2008-09 SEASON

This season we have a new workshop production for The Philly Fringe Festival it's original continuation in the winter and a PHILADELPHIA PREMIERE in the spring! Represented Theatre Co. continues on the Represented Express with three productions this season!

Local R.E.P. Presents REP, LIVE – Conversations from the Café

Written and Directed by Darnelle Edwin Radford

Local R.E.P. is comprised of our artist membership. Every artist who works with Represented becomes a member and has the opportunity to collaborate with us in the next season! This season Producing Artistic Director, Darnelle Edwin Radford, writes our original piece, "Conversations from the Café".

Set in local establishment, T Bar Teahouse three months prior to our winter production of "Sidewalk Café", our characters Alan, Sarah, Edwin, Hilly and Emery attend an open mic with Leon as the host; which is used as the background for the sorting out of their current situations. Alan and Sarah have been dating for over a year after meeting in a coffee shop called "Sidewalk Café".

Alan is an Art Institute of Philadelphia alum and trust fund kid trying hard to be a rebel/rocker, but is more of a poser. He believes true art only come from pain and struggle, which is hard for him coming from a well to do family. Sarah, his girlfriend, has graduated from Drexel University's business school and is on the fast track to being a successful entrepreneur. She has just accepted a job being the personal assistant to Starr Steven, female owner of Sidewalk Café and Steven, Inc.

Meanwhile, Edwin, the true musician rebel/rocker, Hilly, the Waitress at Sidewalk and Emery, the Manager of Sidewalk attend the open mic to get ideas on how to bring business to the sleepy Sidewalk Café. Emery is a loner of sorts. He is a non-practicing homosexual, as in he has not had a date in a long time. He constantly works at the Café and heads home. So, Hilly and Edwin take him out and the three "reach new heights". Hilly is an actress doing the clichéd waitress gig. She has talent, but has not placed acting as her priority. She allows any and everything to stand in her way.

Enter Leon, the awkward and anxious MC of tonight's open mic. He is nervous about tonight but has a great collection of original poetry to recite. He wants to be long so badly and his time to shine will come. Leon sets the tone of the production as the conversations take place during the open mic. All the while, an invisible camera crew documents the whole night to continue the conversations on our website [www.represented.org](http://www.represented.org).

Our season continues with the second installment, Sidewalk Café, which continues with Emery and his plans to wake up the sleepy café, Alan and Sarah in their new career paths, Edwin and Hilly and their potential big breaks and of course, Leon. The story continues December 4-21<sup>st</sup> at Walnut Street Theatre, Studio 5. Our season ends with Hugging The Shoulder, the story of two brothers, a van, an apartment, heroin and the girlfriend. For more information, visit us on the web at [www.represented.org](http://www.represented.org).

REP, Live: Conversations From The Café

Presented By: Local R.E.P. – Represented Theatre Company

Dates:

August 29, September 5, 6, 12 and 13, 2008  
Written and Directed By: Darnelle Edwin Radford

Cast:

Daniel Stroiman as Emery

Erikka Walsh as Hilly

Dan Murphy as Alan

Ken Sandberg as Edwin

Jeremy Hagan as Leon

Mary Arden as Sarah

60 minutes

Location: T Bar Teahouse, 117 S. 12<sup>th</sup> Street, Philadelphia, PA

Tickets Sold:

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Café 2 Productions, Inc. operates as Represented Theatre Company. Our mission is to promote creativity through the creation and exposure of new vessels of artistic expression. Darnelle Edwin Radford, Producing Artistic Director whose vision was to embrace the artist within the by creating new vessels in which to support the work of local artists as well as infusing original work into celebrated works published, founded Café 2 Productions, Inc. in 1999 with the work shopped production of Sidewalk Café which he wrote and produced.