

GABRIOLA PLAYERS



READERS THEATRE



by Rebecca Redshaw

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 11 / SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2011  
GABRIOLA THEATRE CENTRE, PETERSON ROAD  
CURTAIN UP: 7:30  
ADMISSION: \$5 SUGGESTED DONATION

## Dear Jennifer by Rebecca Radshaw

*Dear Jennifer* is an ideal play for a performed reading, as the story is told through a series of letters written to the title character.

The year is 1984, an especially challenging period in Jennifer's life when she is supporting, and decides to marry, a dear friend who is suffering from AIDS. Given that the disease was first reported in 1981, the letters written to Jennifer by family, friends and various officials are an extremely poignant reminder of the early days when AIDS was misrepresented and misunderstood.

Both performances were followed by Q&A with Rebecca Redshaw, author of *Dear Jennifer*. This was a rare opportunity to interact with a published playwright and added a fascinating component.

Gabriola Players is introducing Readers Theatre as a way to expand and enhance each season by offering more opportunities for people to enjoy the spotlight – especially those who would like to try their hand at acting, but may be fearful about their ability to memorise and deliver lines on cue.

Readers Theatre, as the name implies, offers a much less demanding environment and doesn't carry the huge commitment of being cast in a full-scale production. Hopefully, this initiative will engage new members who will come to enjoy and participate in the whole theatre experience.

Directed by Jean Llewellyn

Performed on February 11 and 12 at the Gabriola Theatre Centre