



The GSP Spirit Players' First Friday Play Readings round out the year with comedy! "An Evening of Chekhov Comedies", is a compilation of adaptations of Anton Chekhov's comic short stories by three American playwrights: Wendy Wasserstein, David Mamet, and Neil Simon. The plays are tied together by the character of an unnamed Writer, meant to represent Chekhov himself. He suffers from writer's block and his own artistic temperament as he introduces to the audience several of his stories.

The stories include "The Drowned Man" in which an entrepreneurial tramp pretends to drown himself to make money, calling what he does "maritime entertainment", "Vint", a card game in which players bet using government officials in lieu of cards, "A Defenseless Creature" - a woman with a nervous disorder harasses an ill banker to extort money for her injured husband, and "The Arrangement" where a father provides an unusual gift as a rite of passage for his 19-year old son.

Please join us on Friday, December 6, at 6:30 p.m. in the Bloom Room to enjoy these this group of short, comic one-acts and lively discussion following. There will be particularly festive holiday intermission snacks. Attendees may read if they wish or participate as "audience"; scripts are provided. Sharon McKenzie and Nanalee Raphael are the facilitators, both long-time theatre aficionados. This script is suitable for all ages.

**There is no admission charge, however a donation of canned food such as hearty soup, ravioli, chili or tuna for the Joseph's Food Pantry at Grace St. Paul's would be greatly appreciated.**

