

# PLAY PROPOSAL

August: Osage County

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## GENERAL INFORMATION

### I. General summary

- Winner of the 2008 Pulitzer Prize and Tony Award for Best New Play, August: Osage County centers around the Weston family, brought together after their patriarch, world-class poet and alcoholic Beverly Weston, disappears. The matriarch, Violet, depressed and addicted to pain pills and “truth-telling,” is joined by her three daughters and their problematic lovers, who harbor their own deep secrets, her sister Mattie Fae and her family, well-trained in the Weston family art of cruelty, and finally, the observer of the chaos, the young Cheyenne housekeeper Johnna, who was hired by Beverly just before his disappearance. Holed up in the large family estate in Osage County, Oklahoma, tensions heat up and boil over in the ruthless August heat.

### II. Proposal submitted by

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- **If you are submitting more than one play, please rank this play in order of preference of the ones you have submitted (i.e. “2 of 3 total submitted” if this is my 2<sup>nd</sup> favorite of 3 plays I am submitting) -- this is my 2<sup>nd</sup> choice (out of two total)**

### III. Project description

- August: Osage County
- Drama
- 6 men / 7 women
- Lots of dark comedy, family drama, secrets, potential incest, abuse... not a light-hearted show, but very powerful.

### IV. Director (not required)

- Name, Caltech affiliation, email address

## DETAILED INFORMATION

### I. Reasons for the proposed show

- low cost, lots of characters, low tech, set in the heat so costumes could be very light and forgiving as well.

### II. Technical Aspects

- scenes take place mostly indoors, with allusions to a hot, dry unrelenting summer outdoors
- Sets, costumes, lights, props required