Rocco Natale Performs a Staged Reading of His Play, 'Wordsmith,' Feb 25 in Darien

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Playwright Rocco Natale is performing in his latest play, a comedy and one-night staged reading, at the Darien Arts Center.

Wordsmith, a production of DAC Stage, takes place at 7:30 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 25, 2017 in the DAC Weatherstone Studio.

Natale's comedy is about life, love and the pursuit of a dog. Main character Phillip Bosch is many things: a professor of English Literature, renowned waffle expert, and crossword puzzle award-winner, but he's not what you would call a "dog person."

Then Houdini, an orphaned bulldog, comes into his life. Phillip comes to notice strange coincidences and becomes convinced that his beloved dog is sending him messages through the daily crossword puzzle.

Natale, a Greenwich resident, shared his enthusiasm for his latest work, "I am excited to share *Wordsmith* with theatergoers at The Darien Arts Center. It will be the first time that this one-man play is presented in front of an audience. That's an exhilarating prospect, but also terrifying.

"It's a great opportunity for our creative team and patrons to hear the play for the first time. Most people go to the theatre and never realize how many readings and workshops plays go through before production. I'm thrilled that audiences will get a look at how new plays are created."

Wordsmith is directed by New Canaan's Claire Kelly, who also works as artistic director of Shakespeare on the Sound in Rowayton.

Tickets are not necessary to attend the performance; a donation of $10 is suggested. DAC Weatherstone Studio doors open at 7 p.m. for seating and refreshments. The Darien Arts Center is located at 2 Renshaw Road, behind Town Hall.

For more information, visit the [DAC website](#) or call (203) 655-8683.