Out Loud!

Mark your calendars and plan to join us for a free script-in-hand reading of <u>Sans</u> <u>Merci</u> by Johnna Adams. This reading, which will be performed on Monday, June 4 at 7:00 pm at Just Off Broadway Theatre, will feature readers Jessica Franz, Shea Ketchum and Ellen DeShon.

Johnna Adams is a nationally known playwright whose play <u>Gidion's Knot</u> was originally produced at the Contemporary American Theatre Festival and was subsequently published in American Theatre magazine.

<u>Sans Merci</u> demonstrates many of the traits that mark Adams' playwrighting style – extended dramatic monologues, content that is at times dark and disturbing, and an intimate knowledge of works of classical literature. This is an opportunity to experience a play you may never have a chance to see in full production.

The reading is FREE and open to the public. (Free will/pay-what-you-can donations to help defray costs are always welcome of course, but not required.) You are also invited to stay for a short post-reading talkback if you wish. Out Loud! curator and director, Warren Deckert, will present a brief lecture on the writing style of Johnna Adams, comparing and contrasting several of her plays.

The Out Loud! series is an initiative of Just Off Broadway Theatre as part of its educational program. Readings of new plays under development will occur approximately every other month featuring local actors from the Kansas City theatre community. The focus will be on the work of local playwrights, but will also include new works from regional and national playwrights.