

# PVHS Theatre

## Press Release



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Greetings!

The following is a press release from PVHS Theatre, the Dramatic Arts program at Pinson Valley High School. You will also find attached a press packet with further information!

### **Pinson Valley Theatre Script Published by National Company**

**Ryan C. Tittle**, the Dramatic Arts teacher at Pinson Valley High School, is also an award-winning playwright, under the pen name **Robert Cole**. In the fall of 2010, he composed a new translation of the classic drama *A Doll's House* by Henrik Ibsen. This translation was produced at the PVHS Fine Arts Center Auditorium to glowing audience response for the intensity and ambition of the production, as well as a glowing review published on *Birmingham Theatre Website*, which read "[t]his is the mark of a fine teacher, one that challenges his students and in the end produces a very good production" and called the translation "remarkable."

Now that translation is being published by **Eldridge Plays and Musicals**, a leading play publisher since 1906 that caters to community theatre and high school markets. Eldridge publishes the work of many award-winning authors such as Jonathan Dorf and Lee Eric Schackleford. Their catalogue goes out to roughly 30,000 theatres a year. Of this version of *A Doll's House*, Eldridge commented, "far from the 'stiff and stodgy' language in other adaptations, your version seems to breathe new life into the characters." *A Doll's House* was one of the earliest plays to support a woman's right to equality to men and it is a standard of plays read on the secondary level.

Under the pen name Robert Cole, Mr. Tittle a dramatic writer, essayist, and educator from Walker County, Alabama. His plays have been performed at the Martha Moore Sykes Studio at the Virginia Samford Theatre, the Actor's Studio at the Alys Robinson Stephens Performing Arts Center, the Bell Theatre at the University of Alabama at Birmingham (UAB), and the Library Theatre at the Hoover Public Library, among others. He won the 1999 Ruby Lloyd Apsey Award in Playwriting and his plays have been honored as finalists or honorable mentions in prize contests awarded by the University of Arkansas, Northern Michigan University, the Alabama Shakespeare Festival, the Alabama Writers' Forum, and the Horizon Theatre. After training as an actor, he studied playwriting with David Henry Hwang (Tony Award, *M. Butterfly*; Obie Awards, *FOB*, *Golden Child*, and *Yellow Face*), Gladden Schrock, and Lee Eric Shackleford. He is a graduate of Athens State University (B. A., English; Kappa Delta Pi and Cum Laude honors), Bennington College (B. A., Drama/ Theatre), and the Alabama School of Fine Arts. He serves as the Dramatic Arts teacher at Pinson Valley High School and lives in Sumiton, Alabama.

Open our press packet for more info on Cole, Eldridge Plays, and PVHS Theatre!

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