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One-Woman Play in Keuka's Spotlight Series

KEUKA PARK, N.Y. – *Squeeze Box*, a one-woman play written and performed by Ann Randolph, will be performed Thursday, May 5, at 8 p.m. in the Barn.

Part of the College's Spotlight Series, this event is free and open to the public. The performance is sponsored by the Arion Players, the College drama club.

Squeeze Box is inspired by Randolph's personal journey as an employee at a Los Angeles women's homeless shelter, and her relationship with an accordion player named Harold. She weaves a tale of Ohio gone California, the website *Match.com*, Brahms, and three homeless women named Brandy, Irene, and Peggy.



Randolph's relationships challenge a metaphoric homelessness that she feels has put her life on hold. She has a job she is embarrassed by, works with colleagues whose "isms" frustrate her, is struggling financially, is lonely in the city of "forgotten" angels, and is searching for the meaning of her life.

In order to uncover her path to contentment, she quits her job, gets in a car, and escapes L.A., deciding to drive north on Route 1. She runs from life like a drifter, moving from town to town, always in search of the elusive answers to too many questions. In the end, Randolph's escape from the shelter and her life ultimately teaches her that home is the shelter and her life.

In 2002, *Squeeze Box* won the Theatre Award for Best Solo Performance, and the Los Angeles Ovation Award for Best Solo Performance.