

EVERYONE'S A WRITER

Writers of Ypsilanti: Marc Holland



Marc Holland is a comedy playwright and alumnus of EMU. At age 19, he had his first play performed in Roosevelt Hall. While he listened to the play backstage, he realized he had found his calling.

What do you write?

“Comedy is my vocation. I believe it is a noble calling. When an audience is able to laugh at human foibles on a stage, it makes us realize we are not all that different.”

Why do you write?

“It is imperative. I write when I am happy; I write when I am in pain. I write for pleasure, and I write for profit. If you took away every single thing I could record my thoughts with, I would memorize new stories. It is the way I am wired, and I am grateful.”

What is the most memorable thing you have written?

“The second time I was produced, it was on the EMU campus. On opening night, standing backstage, listening to other people speak my words, I realized I wanted to be a playwright more than anything else. On closing night, the woman who would become my wife was in the audience. Every good thing that has happened in my adult life is a result of writing.”