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[ *SCOTT ADKINS & ERIN COURTNEY* Scott Adkins and Erin Courtney have a knack for bringing creative people together. The couple founded Brooklyn

Writers Space, which has served 400 writers over the past four years, and they're opening a second space, Room 58, in the spring. Courtney belongs to two Obie Award-winning theater groups: Clubbed Thumb, which has staged five of her Off-Off-Broadway plays, and 13P, a collective of 13 playwrights, and she also teaches playwriting at Brooklyn College. Adkins is a member of JOYCE CHO, which he describes as "an affinity of playwrights devoted to the imprudent staging of 'problem' plays" and he runs a monthly reading series as well. The duo are planning an all-day theater festival in their backyard this May.

Married and the parents of two young sons, Courtney and Adkins are active participants in a flourishing young New York theater scene, fearlessly stretching the boundaries of performance. "I think plays should be honest and true. I think they're ritualistic," says Courtney. "There are so few times that we bring human beings into a room anymore." Adds Adkins: "When you're in a room with twenty people writing, the collective energy is very good, very positive. There's something essential in the human contact that we've been missing for this past decade because of this eruption of technology. There's something about writing and knowing that someone is going through the same thing as you: trying to put words on a page." ★ Tom Murrin • Scott wears pants by AG, shirt and tie by Boss by Hugo Boss, jacket by Marc Jacobs, hat by Nixon. Erin wears a dress by M by Madonna for H&M, shirt by Uniqlo, pin by Longchamp, necklace by Lulu Frost.