



DEADLINE

A Powerful New Musical

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Four times in October an exciting new musical program will be performed in Burlington with the collaboration of the local theatrical, medical, and educational communities. It's a musical theater piece entitled *Deadline* and it examines the issues of death and dying as they affect patients, families and providers. *Deadline* was first performed last year at the National Hospice Association's annual meeting and the local production will generate money (and consciousness) for the Vermont Respite House in Williston.

The story takes place in a hospital ward and involves four patients, their families and caregivers as they learn about life by facing the challenge of death and dying. The four patients include Gordon, played by Tom Howard, the ultimate Yuppie, who suddenly realizes that life isn't about how hard you work to accumulate possessions - that there are other riches to be had. His wife, Gayle, whose biological clock is ticking, is played by Suzanne Scharf. Elizabeth, played by Cathleen McKegey, is

elderly and doesn't see any reason to fight to live. Her daughter Ruth, played by Pamela Toof, wants her to fight and hang on. Mildred, a nice Jewish mother, played by Joann Stanfield, only wants to keep living so that her greedy nephew Freddie, played by Norman Ward, has to wait a little longer to get his hands on her money. And since this is the 90's, there is a man in the final stages of AIDS, Dennis, played by Mark Cranmer, and his lover, Randy, Terun Sabre Weed, who find their relationship reversed as Randy now has to watch over and take care of Dennis. Vincent Pelletier plays Dennis' father, John, who tries to understand what's happening to his son as well as accept the lifestyle that he feels put his son in this situation. Mike Hayes plays Dr. Rosen, the ward's doctor.

The musical score includes ballads, comic numbers, solos, duets and production numbers. The production staff includes Maggi Hayes, director; Bob Haggerty, assistant director; Glen Sproul, music director; Geri

Amori, producer; Chris Cozzy, technical director; and Pam Carter, stage manager.

Deadline will be presented Friday and Saturday, October 15 and 16, at the Lyman C. Hunt School in Burlington. On Thursday and Friday, October 21 and 22, it will be presented in the Carpenter Auditorium in the Given Building on the campus of the University of Vermont. Following each performance there will be a panel discussion led by physicians, clergy and counselors to further explore issues presented in the play. Tickets are \$10 for the general public, \$5 for seniors and students with ID and may be purchased at the Vermont Respite House, the Flynn Theater box office, or at the door the night of the performance.

This production has been approved for Continuing Medical Education credits for both nurses and physicians. For more information call the Vermont Respite House at 879-0943. ▼

Health Resource Organizations

AIDS HOTLINES:

Vermont	1-800-882-2437
New Hampshire	1-800-752-2437
New York State	1-800-541-2437
Massachusetts	1-617-522-4090
Maine	1-800-851-2437
National	1-800-342-2437
Canadian	1-613-563-2437

AIDS Community Awareness Project (ACAP)

PO Box 608
St. Johnsbury VT 05819
(802) 748-1149

AIDS Community Resource Network (ACoRN)

PO Box 2057
Lebanon NH 03766
(603) 448-2220

Bennington Area AIDS Project

PO Box 1066
Bennington VT 05201
(802) 442-4481 or 1-800-845-2437

Brattleboro AIDS Project

PO Box 1486
Brattleboro VT 05302
(802) 254-4444 (Helpline)
(802) 254-8263 (Office)

Franklin-Grand Isle AIDS Task Force

P. O. Box 241, St. Albans VT 05478
(800) 524-7742 • (802) 638-7834

Gay/Lesbian Alcoholics Anonymous

GLAA, P.O. Box 5653
Burlington, VT 05402

Lesbian Cancer Support Group

(802) 660-8386

North Star (Holistic Health Care)

RR2 Box 3255
Morrisville VT 05661 • (802) 888-2858

Vermont AIDS Council

PO Box 275
Montpelier VT 05601 • (802) 229-2557

Vermont C.A.R.E.S.

(Committee for AIDS Resources, Education, and Services)
PO Box 5248
30 Elmwood Avenue
Burlington VT 05401
(802) 863-2437 (Burlington)
1-800-649-2437 (Rutland and Washington County support groups)

Vermont Department of Health

1-800-882-2437 (AIDS Hotline) or
(802) 863-7245 (AIDS Program office)

VT PWA Coalition

PO Box 1055 • Brattleboro, VT 05302
1-800-698-8792 or (802) 222-5123

Vermont Women's Health Center

336 North Avenue
Burlington VT 05401 • (802) 863-1386