

OSF Fundraiser Helps HIV Programs

The Oregon Shakespeare Festival invites the public to its 25th annual Daedalus Project, a benefit for AIDS/HIV organizations, on Monday, Aug. 20.

For decades, the Oregon Shakespeare Festival company and audience have come together in August for The Daedalus Project, a weekend of events raising money to end the spread of HIV/AIDS, and to remember and celebrate those who have died from this disease.

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The centerpiece event is the evening Daedalus Variety Show, an inventive parade of acts, ranging from the outra-

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geous to the poignant, all created by the OSF company and local community artists. Ray Porter will host the evening with musical direction from Gary Busby. This family-friendly event will be held on Monday, Aug. 20 at 7:30 p.m. on the Elizabethan Stage.

This year's event will feature a play reading of a rock concert version of the 70's era classic "The Rocky Horror Show," complete with a band, transvestites-a-gogo and of course "Let's do the Time Warp, again!" The Rocky Horror Show is directed by David Kelly with musical direction by Darcy Danielson. Showtime is 2 p.m. in the Angus Bowmer Theatre. The play reading is sold out at this time, but there is an opportunity to purchase onstage VIP seats (\$100) at

the Arts and Treasures Sale held in the Angus Bowmer Theatre from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Daedalus events throughout the weekend include: the Daedalus 5K race around Lithia Park, Sunday, Aug. 19 at 9 a.m., for a fun run around Lithia Park; lemonade and commemorative 25th Anniversary Daedalus T-shirts and posters; a bake sale, Pribyl's pesto and the Daedalus Arts and Treasures Sale, in the Bowmer Theatre lobby Aug. 20; Look forward to prizes, a raffle and a chance to see some of your favorite actors in short-shorts...if you can keep up! Online registration forms are available here.

This year's Daedalus Project is directed and organized by Miriam Laube, Christine Albright, Mark Bedard, Ted Deasy, Emily Knapp, and produced by Claudia Alick. The 5K Run is organized by Miles Fletcher.

Following each year's benefit, OSF distributes proceeds to local, regional, national and international organizations HIV and AIDS charitable organizations. In 2011, OSF distributed funds to the following:

OnTrack, Inc. - Alan F. Collins AIDS Project, Medford: \$55,000

HIV Alliance (Josephine, Douglas, Curry, Coos counties): \$15,000

Siskiyou County HIV/AIDS Foundation (SCHAF): \$10,000

Africare: \$4,000

G.R.A.C.E. USA: \$6,000

OSF artistic associate James Edmondson had the original idea for an AIDS/HIV fundraiser 24 years ago. OSF Artistic Director Emeritus Jerry Turner named the event the Daedalus Project after the story of Daedalus from Greek mythology. Daedalus and his son, Icarus, were imprisoned in a labyrinth by King Minos, and by crafting wings from wax and feathers, Daedalus created a way out of the maze.

In the last 24 years, the Daedalus Project has raised a grand total of \$1.3 million for AIDS/HIV related charities.

'Memphis'



PHOTO BY JOAN MARCUS

'Memphis,' the 2010 Tony Award Winner for Best Musical, is coming to Portland with Broadway Across America, and tickets are on sale now. The show opens at Keller Auditorium on Sept. 11 for a limited engagement. 'Memphis' takes place in the smoky halls and underground clubs of the segregated 50's, where a young white DJ named Huey Calhoun fell in love with everything he shouldn't: rock and roll and an electrifying black singer. For ticket information call the PCPA Box Office at 503-946-7272, or go to www.BroadwayAcrossAmerica.com/Portland



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