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Pride Players at The Rose Theater

The most recent installment of Teen's 'N' Theater's annual Pride Players performance is set to hit the Hitchcock Stage.

(OMAHA, Nebr.) The Rose Theater's Teens 'N' Theater Production, *Pride Players*, will be presented Thursday, February 2, (7 pm FREE teen night), Saturday, February 4 (7 pm) and Sunday, February 5 (4:30 pm) on The Rose Theater's Hitchcock Stage.

The cast of *Pride Players* uses improvisation to create songs, poetry, monologues, and skits that explore what it means to be a gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, queer, or straight-allied teen in Omaha. The group has been honored by many organizations including The National Education Association, Heartland Pride, and American Alliance for Theater and Education.

In its history, *Pride Players* has performed for over 12,000 teens, parents, teachers, counselors and family members helped raise over \$35,000 for their community partners: GLSEN-Omaha and PFLAG-Omaha.

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Pride Players has been honored by The Rockefeller Foundation with a Performing and Community Transformation National Grant, The National Education Association with a 2006 Human and Civil Rights Lead 2012 conference and Heartland Pride as Grand Marshals of the 2011 Heartland Pride Parade. *Pride Players* has also given out more than \$14,000 in college scholarships to alumni through the Tracy Iwersen Pride Player Scholarship Fund.

In addition to performing at The Rose Theater, *Pride Players* has also toured to the Iowa State School Counselors Conference, the Iowa State Conference for LGBT safety in schools, the 2006 LGBT Task Force Creating Change National Conference in Kansas City, a Nebraska student education conference, a national theater education conference in Utah, and several local colleges, high schools, conferences, events, and community meetings. *Pride Players* has proudly worked with gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender and queer youth and student groups in Kentucky, California, Wisconsin, Iowa, Boston, Kansas City, Lawrence, and Pittsburgh to collaborate with them to create new skits, help them start their own troupes, or to perform some of the skits. *Pride Players* was created by Rose Education Director Brian Guehring, who recently received the Children's Theatre Foundation of America's (CFTA) Corey Medallion Award, in part because of his work with the Teens 'N' Theater program.

Pride Players will be presented in The Rose Theater's Hitchcock Theater on Thursday, February 2, (7 pm FREE teen night), Saturday, February 4 (7 pm) and Sunday, February 5 (4:30 pm.) Tickets are \$6 each and available at The Rose Box Office, (402) 345-4849, or at the door the day of the show.

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