

Zeiterion presents eye-opening “Drug Story Theater” featuring real-life stories from teens struggling with substance abuse

Innovative performance for parents and teens bolstered by science on adolescent brains.

The Zeiterion Performing Arts Center invites parents, teens and the community for the must-see performance of Drug Story Theater: The Price You Pay on Thursday, February 9, at 7:00 p.m. This powerful, unique and innovative approach to prevention integrates teens in recovery, their parents and information about adolescent brain development to clarify the myths and realities of teen drug use. Tickets can be purchased by calling 508-994-2900, online at www.zeiterion.org, or at the Zeiterion Box Office at 684 Purchase Street in New Bedford. More information is available at zeiterion.org.

“As a leader in New Bedford’s Arts community, it is part of The Z’s mission to bring to light issues of concern for our city,” Rosemary Gill, Executive Director, Programming & Development. “Our goal is for this honest look at teen drug use to continue the conversation and spark action in our community. No family is immune, and we hope you will join us for this compelling and timely production.”

The work the teens do with Drug Story Theater aids in their progress and encourages them to lead productive, healthy lives as young adults. Sharing their personal stories about the seduction and addiction to substances also helps them sow seeds of prevention, especially among peers. “They are addicts, recovering ones, taking their stories onstage in the

hope others will shun the path they chose,” says Drug Story Theater founder Dr. Joseph Shrand.

To help digest and cope with the information that may arise from the performance, clinicians and resources will be on-hand for audience members. There will also be a community art component to engage participation outside the theatre. This support is aided in partnership with Behavioral Health Innovators, Inc. as well as local service organizations, schools, churches and community leaders. The Drug Story Theater performance is possible in part from a grant from the NEA and The Carney Foundation.

The Zeiterion Performing Arts Center is a non-profit organization with a mission to provide New Bedford and the region with performing arts programming of excellence that inspires, educates, engages and entertains. Tickets are available for purchase at www.zeiterion.org, by calling 508-994-2900, or in person at the box office at 684 Purchase Street, New Bedford, Mass. Zeiterion Box Office hours are Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Thursday 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. and Saturday 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and two hours before each performance.