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Dignity Players Presents The Diary of Anne Frank, May 1-10

Dignity Players continues its 2009 season of plays about the psychological and spiritual impact of war on individuals and societies with *The Diary of Anne Frank*, by Frances Goodrich & Albert Hackett, newly adapted by Wendy Kesselman. First produced on Broadway in 1997, this new version of the powerful play features Annapolis native Carter MacLeod as the 14 year old Anne, whose diary of her days in seclusion in Nazi occupied Germany from 1939–1941 is read by students around the world as a reminder of the global need for hope, love, and peace in a world torn by war.

This transcendentally powerful adaptation presents Anne as a living, lyrical, intensely gifted young girl, who confronts her rapidly changing life and the increasing horror of her time with astonishing honesty, wit, and determination. An impassioned drama about the lives of eight people hiding from the Nazis in a concealed storage attic, *The Diary of Anne Frank* captures the claustrophobic realities of their daily existence – their fear, their hope, their laughter, and their grief.

Each day of the two dark years she was concealed in the attic annex, Anne’s voice shines through: “When I write I shake off all my cares. But I want to achieve more than that. I want to be useful and bring enjoyment to all people, even those I’ve never met. I want to go on living even after my death.” A new adaptation for a new generation, Dignity Players’ production of *The Diary of Anne Frank* is a must-see for students and educators alike.

The Diary of Anne Frank is directed by Beth Terranova, a winner of the WATCH (Washington Area Theatre Community Honors) award. The production features a stellar local cast including Terry Averill, Bryan Barrett, Nick Beschen, Mary Cecere, Mary MacLeod, Lesley Miller, Theresa Riffle, Gerald Riley, and newcomer Eric Schaum as Peter Van Daan.

The Diary of Anne Frank by Frances Goodrich & Albert Hackett
Newly Adapted by Wendy Kesselman
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May 1-3 and 7-10, 2009
Thursday, Friday, and Saturday at 8:00 p.m.
First Sunday at 7:30 p.m.
Second Sunday at 2:00p.m.

Ticket prices: Friday and Saturday: \$20.00, Thursday and Sunday: \$15.00
Seniors: \$5.00 discount for all performances
Students and Educators: \$5.00 for ALL performances
Reservations: 410 266-8044, ext. 127
Information: www.dignityplayers.org

Dignity Players is a program of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Annapolis, 333 Dubois Road, Annapolis, MD 21401. Performances are held at the church.

