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Wagner College Theatre to host BC/EFA benefit concert honoring the life and music of Michael Friedman

The award-winning Wagner College Theatre presents a Broadway Cares/Equity Fights AIDS concert honoring the life and music of Michael Friedman on Friday, Feb. 23 at 10:15 p.m. (following that evening's performance of WCT's "Bloody Bloody Andrew Jackson") at Wagner College's Mainstage Theatre.

The concert will feature the cast of "Andrew Jackson" and the production's director, original BBAJ Broadway cast member James Barry.

The concert features performances from WCT students Julia Adams, Brianna Brice, Joseph Cowdrey, Kellen Gaughan, Dana Kluczyk, McKenzie Kupres, Michael Luszczyk, Ryan Moroney, Albert Nelthropp and Gabe Trimbur.

Admission is \$7 at the door (\$5 with a Wagner student ID).

In the fall of 2017, the theater community lost one of its brightest members, Michael Friedman, to complications related to AIDS. Wagner College Theatre is lucky to have a strong relationship with Broadway Cares/Equity Fights AIDS, and WCT students found that Wagner's upcoming production of Friedman's "Bloody Bloody Andrew Jackson" would be a perfect way to honor Friedman's mark in the world of musical theater, while raising money for an organization that aims to provide treatment and services for people and families affected by HIV/AIDS.

This benefit will feature the music of Michael Friedman, spanning from his more popular musical theater scores to his own solo albums, hoping to honor his life, legacy and impact on the theater community. There will also be Broadway-themed raffle and auction items, with all of the evening's proceeds going to benefit Broadway Cares/Equity Fights AIDS.