

DIRECTOR'S NOTES

I want to thank you all for coming to see *Addicted*. It is an honor to work with such talented and amazing individuals who are dedicated to educating others about the devastating effects of drug and alcohol abuse. These actors are extremely hard-working, and you will see the results of that hard work tonight. My greatest appreciation and thanks goes to the wonderful cast and crew of *Addicted*. I would like to thank Joe Ryan, Tara Lathrop and the Harford County Office of Drug Control Policy for all their support and hard work on this project. I would like to thank my parents who have always supported me and Jeremiah Hair, Jes Wood, Megan Yohn, Annalise Desiato, Ellen Hickey, Tina Wachter, Jacqui Wilkins, Alison Gross, Nancy Green, Jared Noe and John Roman. An additional thank you to New Fallston Liquor, Harford County Sheriff's Department, and Jarrettsville Creamery. This production would not be possible without you all and I am forever grateful for your work and support. I am dedicating tonight's performance to my brother Jason Henzel, who is no longer with us. His struggle with drugs opened my eyes to an epidemic that haunts so many of us, and it is through his story and so many others that I was inspired to write *Addicted*. Tonight's show is also dedicated in loving memory to Win Berrell. Win was our tech guru and comic relief for the past several years for the show. We miss you and will always remember you. Audience feedback is important to us. In performing a powerful piece that is intended to raise awareness and discuss sensitive issues, I welcome your constructive comments and feedback. **Please take a few moments to share your thoughts on the performance of *Addicted* on the feedback sheet that you were given at the door.** I hope you enjoy the show.

– Christle Henzel, M.S.L.C.P.C.

PARENT TOOLBOX

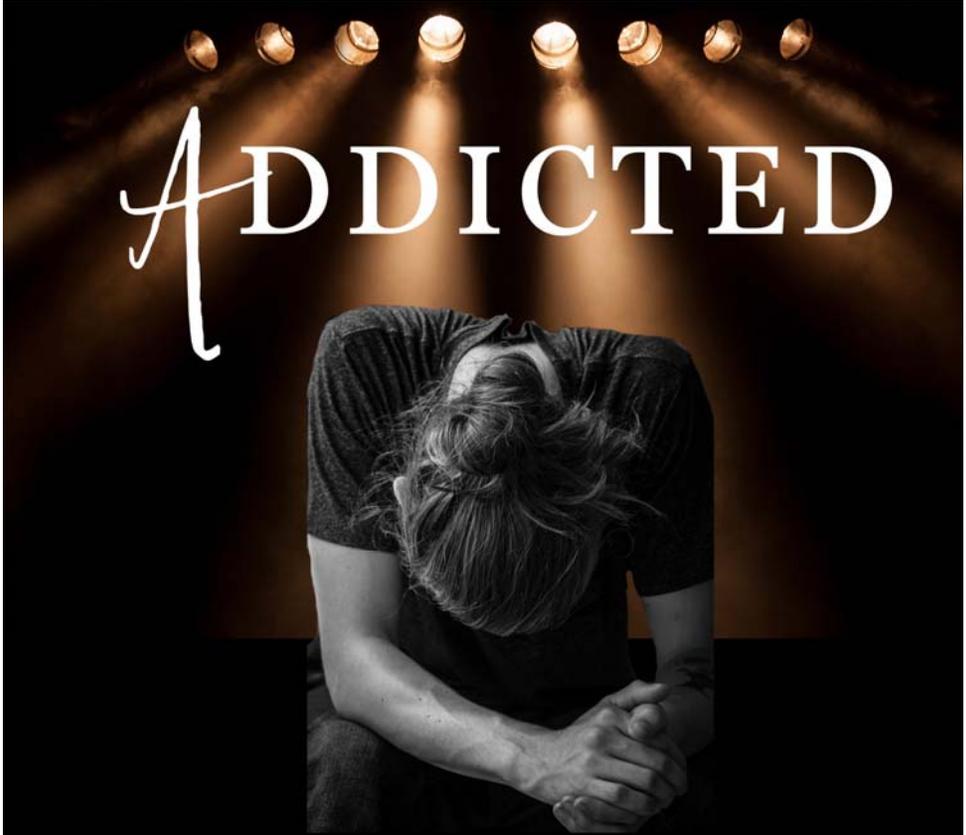
- First, know your child's friends and their friends' parents.
- Pay attention to how your child is feeling and let him or her know that you're available and willing to listen in a nonjudgmental way.
- Know what drugs are available, what they can do, and how they can affect someone. Drugs today are much more powerful and dangerous compared to what was available in past.
- Stress to your child that the latest science proves that the use of drugs and alcohol can damage his or her brain forever.
- Talk to your child early and often about the dangers of drug and alcohol use.
- Stay connected and maintain open communication.
- Understand the benefits of a no-use policy.
- Support your child with firm guidance and role modeling.
- Consider putting agreements in writing.

RESOURCES

KidsHealth: www.kidshealth.org

Partnership for Drug-Free Kids: www.drugfreekids.org

National Institute of Drug Abuse: www.drugabuse.gov



Addicted tells the story of three young adults who are struggling with a variety of addictions, including alcohol, heroin, and prescription pain pills. The play reveals not only the devastating impact on the individual user but also on one's friends and family members.

Learn more at
www.addictedtheplay.org

CAST

Alex: Julio Bana Fernandez
Dan: Sean Kelly
Jessica: Jessica Taylor
Jessica's Mom: Ellen Hickey
Alex's Mom: Jacqui Wilkins
Sara: Marisa Cook
Dan's Father: Brad Mascari
Dan's Sister: Elizabeth Detar
EMT: Katy Abernethy

FILM CAST

Little Alex: Ryan H.
Teenage Alex: Alexander H.
Little Girls: Madelyn Lowe, Darla Lowe, Hailey Lowe, Katherine Lowe Young
Support Group: Jason Brooks, Judy Smerdzinski, David Shamah, Margaret Holland, Kersten Freda
Additional Video Scenes: Jimmy Wagner III, Austin White, Alison Gross

FILM CREATORS

Intro Film/ Sibling Film/ Farewell Scene/ Mother's Day Scene/ Alex and Sara Film:
Jes Wood – Maewood Photography
Parent Monologue Films: Jared Noe
www.suitedfour.com
Film Tech Support and Addicted Trailer: Annalise Desiato

DULANEY HIGH TECH CREW

Jonah Lin: Lighting
Kristine Xie: Sound

SPECIAL THANKS

Thank you to Dulaney High School, the Dulaney High PTSA, and the Ridgely Middle PTA for hosting and sponsoring this performance of Addicted. Also a BIG thank you to Jessica Hackman for all her support and hard work!

MEET THE CAST

DAN – Sean Kelly holds a BFA in acting from Towson University. A lifetime resident of the Baltimore area, he has worked with many theaters in the community on shows including *Equus* (Alan Strang), *Heinie Goochems* (George), *The Revelation of Bobby Pritchard* (Poss/Bobby), *All My Sons* (Chris). This is Sean's first time working with this production, but he is excited to be a part of it. He feels that *Addicted* has a very strong message that he is honored to present to audiences. His hope is that audiences are able to take something away from this show, as he has, to better understand addiction and its ramifications. This is not an easy subject for many to talk about, but getting the conversation started is the first step to healing wounds. ***“The best gift you can give to a loved one is recovery.” – Author Unknown.***

JESSICA – Jessica Taylor is very honored and excited to be joining the cast of *Addicted* for its sixth season. She is a Baltimore native and has been in a couple of local productions around her hometown, most recently performing in an original piece in consideration for the Baltimore Playwright's Festival, *Unlucky Soldiers* with the Theatrical Mining Company. Other performances include *Crash & Burn* and *Tales of Ordinary Madness* at Fells Point Corner Theatre and *When The Letter Writers Have All Died*, also with the Theatrical Mining Company. Addiction is a disease and does not discriminate, it takes courage, discipline and support from entire communities to fight against it. ***“It's difficult to believe in yourself because the idea of self is an artificial construction. You are, in fact, part of the glorious oneness of the universe. Everything beautiful in the world is within you.” – Russell Brand***

ALEX – Julio Bana Fernandez is returning to play the role of Alex again this year. He has been acting for the past 10 years, appearing both on stage and in films including *Love Different and Killer Campout*, as well as a brief role on *House of Cards*. As soon as Julio saw an audition for *Addicted* the play two years ago, he knew he wanted to be a part of the show. He was eager to use his passion for acting to promote awareness of addiction and help those who have been affected by it. He knows this is a tough subject to discuss for many people, so he hopes that the performance can offer an avenue for families to speak more openly with each other about addiction. ***“Hardships often prepare ordinary people for an extraordinary destiny.” – C.S. Lewis***

JESSICA'S MOM – Ellen Hickey studied acting at the American Academy of Dramatic Arts and received her BFA in theatre arts from Hofstra University in New York. She has appeared in the following movies: *Legal Eagles*, *Frankie and Johnny*, *Hear No Evil*, *See No Evil*, and the *Flamingo Kid*. She has also appeared in several television commercials and starred in *Bell, Book, and Candle*, *A Man for All Seasons*, *The Venetian Twins*, and *Uncommon Women and Others* on stage. For the past 25 years she has played the role of a Harford County School psychologist and loves her job, her husband, her BFF, her amazing daughter, Bree, beloved son, Patrick, and two granddaughters, Hailey and Avery. She is proud to be a small part of this and previous “Addiction” productions. ***“In my life, I have loved and lost several young people to addiction. I am so proud of all those who have fought back to sobriety and have regained their life. I wish all those affected by the blight of addiction peace, patience in healing, and love.”***

ALEX'S MOM – Jacqui Wilkins is thrilled to join the extremely talented cast of *Addicted* this year! She has been a fan and supporter of the play from behind the scenes for many years and is excited to be playing the role of Alex's mother in her acting debut. Off stage Jacqui works as a school psychologist for Harford County Public Schools. She is humbled to be part of such an important production, as the story of addiction touches the lives of so many. She believes that it is critical that we break down the walls of silence that surround addiction in order to inform, educate, and support one another. ***“Working hard is important. But there is something that matters even more: believing in yourself.” – J. K. Rowling***

SARA – Marisa Cook had most of her acting experiences with the drama company at Bel Air High School, and she is returning to the stage after a long hiatus so that she can be a part of this incredible project. All too often, communities and families are unaware, or simply too uncomfortable to approach difficult issues head-on, especially “invisible” issues like mental illness and addiction. *Addicted* offers an opportunity to bridge that gap, showing the realities of addiction and how it affects everyone involved. The ultimate hope is that we can open up a dialogue between families and friends and those who may be suffering, so that we can truly make a difference. ***“You can't go back and make a new start, but you can start right now and make a brand-new ending.” – James Sherman***

DAN'S SISTER – Elizabeth Detar is a recent college graduate with a degree in theatre performance.

MEET THE DIRECTORS

CHRISTLE HENZEL (*Writer and Director*) Christle Henzel is the writer and director of *Addicted* and practices as a licensed therapist and as a school psychologist in Maryland. Christle wrote *Addicted* several years ago in an effort to promote drug and alcohol awareness. She drew from her own family experiences with addiction and researched those of others in order to create the characters and their stories. She is extremely honored to work on such an important cause and hopes that this work will inspire others to engage in conversations about addiction, break down stigmas, and bring awareness and education to parents and their children. It is also her hope that *Addicted* gives courage to those affected and their families in order to seek help. She is honored that the play *Addicted* earned a governor's citation from Governor Hogan and was listed as a national resource in the SAFE PROJECT Community Playbook. To learn

She has been acting since the 3rd grade and has been involved in various school and community theatrical productions. In addition to acting, singing, and dancing, Lizzie was a former competitive figure skater and member of the Chesapeake Figure Skating Club. Lizzie is very honored to be working with the cast and crew of *Addicted*. She believes this is a message that the community needs to hear. She hopes that *Addicted* will bring some light and hope into hearts all over the community. It is important to recognize the issues that touch so many and find a way to become a helping hand in this world. Humans need to help humans and teach each other that no one is alone and everyone soul matters! You are not alone! ***“You are enough. You are so enough it is amazing how enough you are!” – Sierra Boggess***

EMT – Katy Abernethy has been performing in theater for almost ten years. This is her fourth year participating in the play *Addicted*. Katy is currently attending Harford Community College and majoring in theater. She plans on attending Towson University to pursue an education degree that will allow her to become a drama teacher. Katy would like to dedicate her performance this year to her father who struggled with alcoholism and unfortunately passed away due to complications this past August. She would like to thank the audience for showing their support and beginning the hard conversations about drugs and alcohol. ***“Addiction begins with the hope that something out there can instantly fill the emptiness inside.” – Jean Kilbourne***

more about the play or her practice you can contact her at Christlehenzel@gmail.com or 443-252-0081 or addictedtheplay.org. ***“Be strong enough to stand alone, smart enough to know when you need help, and brave enough to ask for it.” – Unknown Author***

BRADLEY MASCARI (*Co-Director and Dan's Father*) Bradley has been acting since 2004 and graduated from Bel Air High School with an excellence in acting award. Bradley furthered his education in theater and acting with A.A. from Harford Community College in performing arts. Bradley has been a part of other Harford County theater groups including PFT and the Tidewaters Players. This is Bradley's fourth year with the show *Addicted* and he is honored to be assistant director and playing the role of Dan's Father. ***“I am not what I have done, I am what I have overcome.” – Author Unknown***

MUSIC INCLUDED IN THE PLAY

Transcending Evolution – John Roman
Maybe Never – John Roman
Reach for It – John Roman
Addicted End Theme – John Roman
Hopes for Tomorrow – Pond 5
Medicine – Daughter

Somewhere Over the Rainbow – Israel Kamakawiwo'ole
Sad Somber Piano – Audio Jungle
Sad Documentary – Audio Jungle
Hopeful Piano Sad Emotional – Pond 5