

One Family's AIDS

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Local Writer to Debut “*One Family's AIDS*” at National Theatre

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Washington, D.C. (November 24, 2003) – On Monday, February 23, 2004, the Helen Hayes Gallery of National Theatre will host **One Family's AIDS**, the sensational one man show written by local writer J'son M. Lee and starring Kendell K. Lee.

One Family's AIDS is the captivating story of an African-American man who has been diagnosed with HIV. As the debut project of 34 year old Lee, **One Family's AIDS** addresses the alarming statistics of HIV/AIDS cases among African-Americans.

Told from four different perspectives, **One Family's AIDS** is the story of Gene Alexander McCoy – a young, educated African-American man who finds himself in a race for time to make peace with his family and with God upon being diagnosed with HIV. The play chronicles Gene's life as he confronts such issues as HIV/AIDS, family, abandonment, and homophobia. With the help of his over-bearing mother, a nurturing grandmother, and an uncle who doesn't really feel comfortable talking about Gene's sexuality or disease, we learn the complexities of love and relationships, the damaging results of fear and shame, and how the relentless quest for the truth ultimately leads us back to each other.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

J'son M. Lee is a 34 year old native of Lewiston-Woodville, NC, and a 1992 graduate of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. His studies earned him a BA in Speech Communication with a concentration in Performance Studies. He considers himself a literary activist who strives to write pieces that explore human realities (which have been traditionally avoided) in hopes of opening minds and bringing about healing.

“Shame is the demon that keeps many of us trapped in our pain. Healing comes when we gain the courage to confront our demon(s)”.

-- J'son M. Lee

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