

Bloomington favorite Diane Kondrat returns to our Meeting Room for show on end-of-life issues

Audience has opportunity to converse with actors in end-of-life scenarios

Actor and local favorite Diane Kondrat will take the stage again in Bloomington to appear in “Final Acts: End-of-Life Scenarios and Conversation,” a one-hour show that portrays some of the complicated questions raised by end-of-life situations.

A single performance of “Final Acts” takes place at 11 a.m. on Saturday, March 3, at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Bloomington, 2120 Fee Lane.

The show presents various end-of-life scenarios that many families and loved ones confront, such as the pressures of taking care of a loved one with dementia, deciding whether to pursue exceptional life-saving procedures, the questions surrounding physician-assisted death, end of life planning, and more. During the show, audience members may question the actors, who stay in character as they respond.

Kondrat, who now resides in Portland, Ore., first performed “Final Acts” at the UUCB in May of 2017 to a packed house. Local audiences will also remember Kondrat’s portrayal of Ann Richards in the one-woman show “Ann,” which opened Cardinal Stage’s 2016-17 season in the fall of 2016. In “Final Acts,” she is both lead actor and artistic director behind the show, which also features actors Ashley Dillard, Ken Farrell, Ray Hutchins and Jeff Stone. While some of the same issues that came up in last year’s performance will be revisited, dynamic audience participation makes it a unique and fresh experience.

“The human desire to communicate during storytelling happens easily in this form,” says Kondrat. “Audiences benefit from the gift of give-and-take that improvisational theater allows.”

A brief reception will be held after the show, followed by panel discussion that will include Dr. Rob Stone, associate director of IU Health Bloomington Hospice; Sharon Parsons, RN from IU Health Hospice House and Palliative Care Physician Dr. Ivy Lee and, and Diane Kondrat. Reverend Mary Ann Macklin will moderate the panel.

For more information, contact info@uubloomington.org.

If you go

Who: Unitarian Universalist Church of Bloomington

What: “Final Acts: End of Life Scenarios and Conversation

Where: UU Church of Bloomington, 2120 Fee Lane

When: 11:00 a.m., Saturday, March 3

Cost: Donations taken at the door to benefit Compassion & Choices of Indiana and UU Church of Bloomington End-of-Life education programming