

CONTACT: Jennifer C. Gregg, jgregg@onearchives.org Executive Director, ONE Archives Foundation



ONE ARCHIVES FOUNDATION SELECTED AS WEBBY AWARDS HONOREE FOR GROUNDBREAKING PERFORMANCE OF THE NORMAL HEART

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Los Angeles, CA — (April 7, 2022) – ONE Archives Foundation announced today that it has been honored for THE NORMAL HEART in the Virtual & Remote – Best Performance category in the 26th Annual Webby Awards.

ONE Archives Foundation's virtual presentation of THE NORMAL HEART, in collaboration with Birmingham, Ala.-based Invisible Histories Project, first took place in May 2021 to high acclaim, reaching audiences all over the world. The reading marked

the first time the Tony Award-winning play featured a cast that is predominately BIPOC and LGBTQ.

Hailed as the "Internet's highest honor" by *The New York Times*, The Webby Awards, presented by the International Academy of Digital Arts and Sciences (IADAS), is the leading international awards organization honoring excellence on the Internet. IADAS, which nominates and selects The Webby Award Winners, is comprised of Internet industry experts including **Kerstin Emhoff**, Co-Founder & CEO – PRETTYBIRD; **Colleen DeCourcy**, President, Wieden+Kennedy; **Arlan Hamilton**, Founder & Managing Partner – Backstage Capital; **John Hank**e, Founder & CEO – Niantic; **Nikole Hannah-Jones**, Creator – 1619, The New York Times; **Renita Jablonski**, Director of Audio – The Washington Post; **Mikael Jørgensen**, Founder & CEO – &Co; **Monica Lewinsky**, Activist, Fashion Designer & Producer; **Swizz Beatz & Timbaland**, Music Producers & Co-Founders – Verzuz; **Vanessa Pappas**, COO – TikTok; **Daniel Reynolds**, Vice President, Digital Media – Disney; **Dara Treseder**, SVP, Head of Global Marketing & Communications – Peloton; and **Maya Watson**, Head of Global Marketing – Clubhouse.

"Honorees like ONE Archives Foundation are setting the standard for innovation and creativity on the Internet," said **Claire Graves, President of The Webby Awards**. "It is an incredible achievement to be selected among the best from more than 14,300 entries we received this year."

Directed by Emmy Award-winning director Paris Barclay, the all-star cast included Sterling K. Brown (This Is Us, Black Panther); Laverne Cox (Orange Is The New Black, Promising Young Woman); Jeremy Pope (Hollywood, Choir Boy); Vincent Rodriguez III (Crazy Ex-Girlfriend, Insatiable): Guillermo Díaz (Scandal, Weeds); Jake Borelli (Grey's Anatomy, The Thing About Harry); Ryan O'Connell (Special, Will & Grace); Daniel Newman (Walking Dead, Homeland); Jay Hayden (Station 19, The House Bunny); and Danielle Savre (Station 19, Heroes). The virtual reading included a special introduction by Martin Sheen and a tribute to Larry Kramer from Dr. Anthony Fauci.

Larry Kramer's THE NORMAL HEART focuses on the rise of the HIV/AIDS crisis in New York City in the early 1980s. After cofounding the Gay Men's Health Crisis in 1982, Larry Kramer founded ACT UP in 1987. Produced and taught all over the world, THE NORMAL HEART was selected as one of the 100 Greatest Plays of the Twentieth Century by the Royal National Theatre of Great Britain. It was the longest-running play in the history of The Public Theater.

"We are thrilled to have received this distinguished recognition as a Webby Honoree for the virtual presentation of THE NORMAL HEART," **said Jennifer C. Gregg, Executive Director of ONE Archives Foundation.** "While many believe that HIV/AIDS is no longer a contemporary issue, living with HIV is still a daily reality, especially within the Black community and communities of color. That's what made the virtual reading of *The Normal Heart* especially important; it informed, educated, and empowered the public while sharing the history of HIV/AIDS activism — activism that is still necessary today."

About ONE Archives Foundation

Founded in 1952, ONE Archives Foundation is the oldest active LGBTQ organization in the United States and is dedicated to telling the accurate stories and history of all LGBTQ people and their culture. As an independent nonprofit, ONE Archives Foundation promotes ONE Archives at the USC Libraries — the largest repository of LGBTQ materials in the world — and provides innovative educational initiatives, public exhibitions, and community programs.

The curatorial and educational choices made by ONE Archives Foundation are guided by our commitment to social equity and justice. We engage with the complexity of LGBTQ history and representation through highlighting the intersectional and authentic narratives of Black, Indigenous, people of color (BIPOC), women, gendernonconforming and transgender people, people of various abilities, youth, and elders across all socio-economic classes.

Learn more, donate and become a member at <u>onearchives.org</u>, and connect with ONE on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram @onearchives.

About The Webby Awards

Hailed as the "Internet's highest honor" by The New York Times, The Webby Awards is the leading international awards organization honoring excellence on the Internet, including Websites and Mobile Sites; Video; Advertising, Media and PR; Apps & Software, Social; Podcasts; Games and Virtual & Remote. Established in 1996, The Webby Awards received more than 14,300 entries from all 50 states and 70 countries worldwide this year. The Webby Awards are presented by the International Academy of Digital Arts and Sciences (IADAS). Sponsors and Partners of The Webby Awards include Verizon, WP Engine, Canva, Omidyar Network, YouGov, NAACP, KPMG, Fast Company, Wall Street Journal, MediaPost, Podcast Movement, TheFutureParty and AIGA.

Find The Webby Awards Online:

Website: webbyawards.com
Instagram: @TheWebbyAwards
Twitter: @TheWebbyAwards

Facebook: Facebook.com/TheWebbyAwards

YouTube: <u>youtube.com/webby</u> Tiktok: <u>@thewebbyawards</u> Linkedin: <u>The Webby Awards</u>

PRESS IMAGES



PARIS BARCLAY
Director and Narrator



STERLING K. BROWN Role: Ned Weeks



JAKE BORELLI Role: Tommy Boatwright



LAVERNE COXRole: Dr. Emma Brookner



GUILLERMO DÍAZ Role: Ben Weeks



JAY HAYDEN
Role: David / Hiram Keebler



DANIEL NEWMANRole: Mickey Marcus



RYAN O'CONNELL Role: Craig Donner / Grady



JEREMY POPE Role: Felix Turner

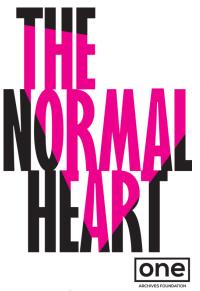


VINCENT RODRIGUEZ III

Role: Bruce Niles



DANIELLE SAVRERole: Examining Doctor



THE NORMAL HEART Logo

Image credits:

- 1. Photo (top image) courtesy of ONE Archives Foundation.
- 2. Photo courtesy of Paris Barclay.
- 3. Photo courtesy of Sterling K. Brown.
- 4. Photo courtesy of Jake Borelli.
- 5. Photo courtesy of Guillermo Díaz.
- 6. Photo courtesy of Jay Hayden.
- 7. Photo courtesy of Daniel Newman.
- 8. Photo courtesy of Ryan O'Connell.
- 9. Photo courtesy of Jeremy Pope.
- 10. Photo courtesy of Vincent Rodriguez III.
- 11. Photo courtesy of Danielle Savre.
- 12. Photo courtesy of ONE Archives Foundation

Download all press images (with image credits): https://airtable.com/shrqFmvO1HDKZF8dv