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

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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 Hanke**, 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, gender-nonconforming and transgender people, people of various abilities, youth, and elders across all socio-economic classes.

Learn more, donate and become a member at onearchives.org, 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.

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PARIS BARCLAY
Director and Narrator



STERLING K. BROWN
Role: Ned Weeks



JAKE BORELLI
Role: Tommy Boatwright



LAVERNE COX
Role: Dr. Emma Brookner



GUILLERMO DÍAZ
Role: Ben Weeks



JAY HAYDEN
Role: David / Hiram Keebler



DANIEL NEWMAN
Role: Mickey Marcus



RYAN O'CONNELL
Role: Craig Donner / Grady



JEREMY POPE
Role: Felix Turner



VINCENT RODRIGUEZ III
Role: Bruce Niles



DANIELLE SAVRE
Role: Examining Doctor



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