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**GAMM THEATRE PRESENTS *SIGH/OMELAS*:  
Moving New Play Educates Teenagers about Children with HIV and AIDS**

PAWTUCKET, RI (September 12, 2005) — The Sandra Feinstein-Gamm Theatre (The Gamm) is pleased to present the new original drama *Sigh/Omelas* about children with HIV and AIDS. The play, written and performed by Steve Kidd, is suited for grades 8-12.

Kidd (Will Shakspeare in *The Beard of Avon*; Grez, Master of Flagellants in *Red Noses*; Hovstad in *An Enemy of the People*) received his B.A. in theater arts from Colby College and an M.A. in theater arts from Brown University. From 1995-2000, he was a counselor and director at Camp AmeriKids, where he met the children who inspired his play.

*Sigh/Omelas* interweaves Kidd's original text with an adaptation of the haunting and provocative short story "The Ones Who Walked Away From Omelas" by Ursula K. Le Guin about a fictional utopia where people live in perpetual happiness and joy . . . but at what cost? Kidd portrays four characters and the narrator in a haunting and provocative performance for a unique educational and emotional experience.

*"The ... production is very **powerful** and **poignant**. Mr. Kidd's first-hand experience of working with children who are afflicted with HIV and AIDS has enabled him to create a very **moving** and accurate portrayal of the suffering of these innocent victims. ...Newton Public Schools found this play profoundly **meaningful and educational**."*

*-Cheryl Nelson, Community Coordinator,  
Fine Arts Department, Newton Public Schools*

A portion of the ticket sales from *Sigh/Omelas* presented by The Gamm Theatre will be donated to **AIDS Care Ocean State**, an organization that serves children and families who have been affected by AIDS. AIDS Care Ocean State is dedicated to providing quality housing, case management, medical and nursing care, and prevention to adults, families, adolescents and children who are affected by or at risk for HIV infection.

A limited number of performances at 10 a.m. are scheduled at The Gamm on **December 1, 8, 14 and 15, 2005**. For more information, please contact Mary Fleming at 401-723-4266 or [groups@gammtheatre.org](mailto:groups@gammtheatre.org).

**About The Gamm**

Founded in 1984 as Alias Stage, the nonprofit **Sandra Feinstein-Gamm Theatre** performs great works of the classic and modern theater in an intimate setting that fosters the vital relationship between author, actor and audience. As the cornerstone of **The Arts Exchange** at the Pawtucket Armory, The Gamm seeks to engage and enrich the community through affordable entertainment and educational programming. The Gamm is a member of **New England Area Theatre (NEAT)**, a bargaining unit of the Actors Equity Association.

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