



Diversity and Equity Program

People Like Us

Overview

Artreach, Inc. is pleased to offer regional mental health and community organizations a virtual staged reading of *People Like Us*, a 35-minute one-act play to be followed by a facilitated discussion. *People Like Us* is not only a professional theatrical offering, but is also structured to spark productive community discussion around the issues of diversity, inclusion and systemic racism. We are now booking presentations mid-February through late Spring, 2022.

About *People Like Us* by Michael Erickson:

Commissioned by Plays for Living (™) in 1994 to address diversity and racism in the workplace; the play quickly became one of Plays for Living's most popular programs in a variety of venues for well-over a decade. *People Like Us* explores challenging and highly charged issues that confront society today. Set around a multi-cultural workplace and related locales, the play shows subtle, not-so-subtle and systematic ways that racism plays out in the characters' lives. There are no easy solutions; however, the play sets the stage for discussing the many actions that may be taken to successfully address the issues. Not only awareness raising, the play is a quality theatrical event that is also a productive tool for social change.

Responsibilities

Artreach will:

- Supply the fully-produced video production of the play; video allows for flexibility in presentation dates as well as enabling a virtual option if necessary.
- Provide two facilitators of diverse race and ethnicity to facilitate the discussion.
- Work with your agency to customize the post-performance discussion in order to meet the agency's goals for the program.
- Supply an informational letter and a graphic for you to use.

Presenting organization will:

- Market and promote the program to its audience (using information and graphic we supply).
- Provide A/V and technical equipment.
- Provide the facility and seating for up to 50 guests.
- Handle reservations and provide Artreach with attendance information for its reporting.

Fee

Presentation fee can be discussed by calling 860-887-0014.

For more information and to schedule your presentation, contact Emma Palzere-Rae at emma.ArtreachHeals@gmail.com or Becca Atkins at artreachheals@gmail.com.