

## Program Details & Booking

A performance of *Random Acts* runs approximately 40 minutes and is followed by a brief discussion facilitated by the actors. Students will be encouraged to frankly discuss issues that they face, which may include:

- the face of bullying at their school
- how they deal with it
- what moments or characters in the play resonated with them and why
- the pressures they have the most trouble with in their daily lives
- what they can do to approach these pressures more constructively

Full script and pricing available upon request



## State of Play Productions...

...is a hot little incubator hatching new work by emerging artists from every medium in a playful yet committed environment that encourages constant artistic expansion. *The New York Times* said "In this age of 'Shrek' and 'Enchanted' comes...a theatrical take on fairy tales that conjures its own magic" of a recent show. We believe in the power of theater to address otherwise difficult-to-address issues. *Random Acts* is produced in collaboration with the Chester Theatre Company.

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State of Play Productions  
Presents...

# RANDOM ACTS

An Educational Play by  
Michael Dowling

*\*\*Recipient of the Massachusetts  
Alliance for Arts Education Award  
for Champions of Arts Education\*\**

# About RANDOM ACTS



*Random Acts* is a fast-paced, fun play that uses real-life stories to examine the physical and psychological repercussions of hazing in schools. The play focuses on the everyday, less conspicuous acts of bullying that, when unchecked, can easily escalate into real violence. This play also stimulates thoughtful discussion about important topics they encounter daily in the news and in life using comedy and relatable characters. Playwright Michael Dowling developed this play from private interviews with high school students and his experiences working with teens-at-risk.

“You really saw a difference!”

-Gateway Student



*Random Acts takes us through two days at a fictional high school where our characters face issues that are universally relevant to students in grades 6-12:*

- *Bullying*
- *Loneliness*
- *Pressure from Peers, Parents and Teachers*
- *Pressure to Achieve*
- *Pressure to “Fit In”*

## Testimonials

Educators say:

"*Random Acts* was a powerful vehicle to continue a difficult but important conversation about acceptance and respect at Lee Middle and High School."

-Kerry Burke, Principal, Lee High School, MA

"Your students will get more from this hour than they could get from a number of counseling sessions."

-Tina Higney, Teacher, Ware High School, MA

"*Random Acts* presents the causes and effects of bullying on everyone involved from the assailant to the bystanders... Well done!"

-William Mahoney, Principal, Hopkins Academy, MA

Students say:

"After the play, kids were nicer to each other. You really saw a difference."

-Student, Gateway Regional High School, MA