



New Movie and Play Open this Weekend Feature Organ Donation and Transplant Storylines

“A Question of Faith” Opens Nationwide Friday while The Domino Heart Opens in Milwaukee Followed by I and You in November in Madison

Milwaukee/Madison, WI, September 25, 2017 – Wisconsin’s fall entertainment season includes a movie and two plays that address organ donation and transplant in their storylines, announced Donate Life Wisconsin, a non-profit statewide collaborative.

[“A Question of Faith”](#) from Pure Flix opens nationwide Friday in more than 600 theaters. Also opening Friday is [The Domino Heart](#) from Morning Star Productions at The Theater at Eastbrook Church in Milwaukee. That’s followed by the opening of Forward Theater’s presentation of [I and You](#) in November at The Playhouse at Overture Center in Madison.

“Every ten minutes another person is added to the transplant waiting list. Anyone of us can suffer an injury or illness that requires a transplant so it’s not surprising we’re seeing more entertainment offerings address this topic,” said Anne Krueger, acting president, Donate Life Wisconsin. “With more than 116,000 patients waiting for lifesaving transplants, including more than 2,100 in Wisconsin, these new productions offer a wonderful opportunity to educate audiences about the need and importance of registering as organ, tissue and eye donors.”

“A Question of Faith” features a moving storyline about three families from different cultures. A texting and driving accident thrusts these complete strangers onto converging paths. Along with a strong message of faith, the well-known cast delivers a compelling film that touches on timely topics including racial prejudice and organ donation. Donate Life America, of which Donate Life Wisconsin is an affiliate, provided input for the film’s development, script and production.

The movie has been a resounding success in early screenings. The accomplished cast includes Richard T. Jones (“Tyler Perry’s Why Did I Get Married,” “Judging Amy”), Kim Fields (“Facts of Life”), C. Thomas Howell (“The Amazing Spiderman,” “E.T.”), Gregory Alan Williams (“Greenleaf,” “All Saints”), Jaci Velasquez (“I’m Not Ashamed,” Platinum Christian Recording Artist), and T.C. Stallings (“War Room,” “Courageous”).

The Domino Heart by Matthew Edison is the story of three characters, two transplant operations, and one heart that connects them all. The play centers on a minister who hopes for more time to make a difference in life, a young man who questions his worth as a recipient and the wife of a donor who seeks a connection with the man who now carries her husband's heart. *The Domino Heart* runs September 29 - October 1 and October 5 - October 8 at The Theater at Eastbrook Church, 5385 N. Green Bay Ave., Milwaukee. Wisconsin Donor Network/BloodCenter of Wisconsin, which is a member of Donate Life Wisconsin, will staff an organ donation registration and information table at all performances, and

volunteers whose lives have been touched by donation/transplant will participate in performance talk back sessions.

I and You by Lauren Gunderson is the story of two teens, one of whom is waiting for an organ transplant, as they work together on a school assignment about Walt Whitman. The play is a valentine to youth, life, love and the strange beauty of human connectedness. The teen girl waiting for the transplant is played by a Milwaukee-based actress whose brother has kidney disease and will likely need a transplant. *I and You* runs November 2 - 19 at The Playhouse at Overture Center, 201 State Street, Madison. Donate Life Wisconsin member UW Organ and Tissue Donation is a production sponsor and will provide education and outreach services during the run of show.

“We greatly appreciate the opportunity to partner with these studio and performing arts organizations to help foster a culture of organ, tissue and eye donation,” Krueger said. “We believe these productions will serve as great conversation starters for their movie and theater audiences.”

To learn more about donation and register as a donor, please visit DonateLifeWisconsin.org.

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About Donate Life Wisconsin

[Donate Life Wisconsin](http://DonateLifeWisconsin.org) (DLW) is a 501(c)3 statewide collaborative and affiliate of Donate Life America. DLW members include organ, tissue and eye recovery organizations, transplant hospitals, patient advocacy organizations and others who work together to save and enhance lives and motivate everyone to become organ, eye and tissue donors.

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