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## Wagner College students stage musical benefit Saturday for AIDS relief

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The students of Wagner College's Theater Department are no strangers to giving back. This year alone, three theater-based fundraisers have been mounted by the WCT students, and on Saturday, a fourth will open.

Produced by senior Allison Dufford, and junior Lauren Wagner, in conjunction with the department's Theater Advisory Board, the musical revue "Typed Out" will showcase numbers from Broadway's hottest shows. All proceeds will be donated to Broadway Cares/Equity Fights AIDS.

Unlike other musical benefits, which present songs in a straight-forward, "concert-style," Ms. Dufford and Ms. Wagner promise that this year's benefit will include a twist. The title "Typed Out" comes from a term used in the theater world to describe an actor or actress who does not fit the traditional mold for a character ("too old," "too young," "too ethnic," "not ethnic enough.")

Saturday's show will see many of the performers breaking this mold and performing songs that, under normal circumstances, they would not be able to perform. So plan on seeing gender bending, race reversal, age reversal.

Broadway Cares/Equity Fights AIDS is one of the nation's leading industry-based, nonprofit AIDS fundraising and grant-making organizations. By drawing upon the talents, resources and generosity of the American theater community, since 1988, the organization has raised over \$195 million for essential services for people with AIDS and other critical illnesses across the United States.

"Typed Out" will start at 8 p.m. in Wagner's Stage One studio theater. Admission fee is \$7 and includes two tickets to a raffle of Broadway Cares items. Additional raffles will also be available. Reservations can be made by emailing [allison.dufford@wagner.edu](mailto:allison.dufford@wagner.edu). All payments can be made at the door.