



Acting to Prevent Dating Violence

# Deana's Educational Theater



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## About the Play:

**The Yellow Dress** is a dramatic one-woman play based on the stories of young women who were victims of dating violence. This carefully constructed program follows the progression of an abusive relationship and stimulates thought-provoking discussions. In **The Yellow Dress**, we meet Anna and become immersed in the story of her relationship with her boyfriend, Rick. Speaking directly to the audience, in an intimate and honest monologue, Anna describes the different types of abuse she experiences in her relationship. By following the course of Anna's relationship, we experience first hand the effect that verbal abuse, jealousy, possessiveness and physical assault have on victims of dating violence and how difficult it is to leave an abusive relationship. Audiences are clearly moved by the story of a Anna who tells us of her relationship — which begins as young love, full of passion and promise and ends in tragedy.

## Post Performance:

After the show there is an interactive discussion lead by the actor/educator who helps to reinforce the educational points of the play with the students. The actors will also facilitate an answer an question period.

## Major Learning Points:

- ◆ Identify types of abuse
- ◆ Identify early warning signs of an abusive relationship
- ◆ Learn how to help friends/family members who are victims or perpetrators of abuse
- ◆ Understand the important role of bystanders
- ◆ Discuss reporting options
- ◆ Learn how to access school and local resources

## Additional Information:

Deana's Educational Theater offers several educational workshops and training options, for students, parents, and school personnel. The workshops are fun and engaging and can be tailored to the needs of your community. For more information about the play or any of our performances and programs contact us at:

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**Recommended  
Grades:**  
9-12

**Audience Size:**  
300