



### **Grades 6- 8**

**Step Up** challenges middle school boys to take a stand against bullying when they see it happen. **Step Up** features childhood friends, Nate and Ted, and Mike a popular athlete. Nate and Ted are beginning to move in different social circles and their friendship becomes strained. Mike targets Ted and continually bullies and harasses him in front of his other friends. Nate is caught in the middle, wanting to be popular but recognizing that it is not okay for Mike to bully Ted. When tensions escalate, Nate is forced to make some difficult decisions. Ultimately, Nate is able to help both the bully and the target address their issues, seek advice from an adult, and take steps to end the bullying.

#### **Major Learning Points:**

- Define and identify the different types of bullying and its consequences
- Develop skills in empathy and identification with the target
- Learn why people bully and develop peaceful solutions to addressing the issue
- Understand the importance of the role of the bystander
- Establish a process for discussing and reporting bullying

#### **Post-Performance Discussion:**

Following the performance, the three actors/educators moderate an interactive discussion to help reinforce the educational points of the play.

#### **Performance Logistics:**

- Recommended maximum audience size is 300
- Program approximately one hour (includes show and discussion)
- 3 Lavalier microphones or 3 wireless microphones on thin metal stands
- Staff available to actors 30 minutes prior to performance and throughout the program

#### **Additional Information:**

A \$150 non-refundable deposit is due with the signed contract. Sponsors book travel arrangements for actors. If sponsor chooses to have DET make travel arrangements all travel costs must be paid in full 60 days prior to the show date. DET accepts checks, credit cards and purchase orders as form of payment.

Deana's Educational Theater (DET) is a 501(c) 3 non-profit organization DET was founded in 1994 by the family and friends of Deana Brisbois, a victim of dating violence. For more information about the play or any of Deana's Educational Theater performances and/or programs please contact us.

