



## **Grades 7-12**

**The Lesson** explores the relationships of three students, Leigh Ann, Vic, and Dakota who are forced to deal with the effects of cyberbullying. Dakota, Vic, and Leigh Ann use to be friends but when Leigh Ann and Vic start dating, Leigh Ann learns of a compromising photo that Dakota sent Vic. As a result, Leigh Ann becomes extremely jealous and retaliates with a series of cyberbullying attacks, including sending sexually explicit material online. When Vic becomes aware of Leigh Ann's actions he is forced to reevaluate his relationship with Leigh Ann and learns that his choices as a bystander have cost him his friendship with Dakota. This show encourages students to examine the choices they make online and educates students on the consequences of cyberbullying.

### **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.

