

Student production to benefit AIDS charities

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"QUILT: A Musical Celebration" will be presented at 8 p.m. Thursday-Sunday (March 20- 23) in the Knight Club in the Powell Campus Center at Alfred University. Set in 1988, the musical is about the NAMES Project AIDS Memorial Quilt. Directed by Emily Tucker and produced by Joshua First as an honors and senior theater project, the musical explores the variety of philosophies and memories surrounding one block of the AIDS Quilt. Tucker, a graduate of Lansing High School, notes, "There are 32 panels in each block of the quilt, all telling stories of individuals. This musical is about the evolution from individuals to communities in facing the AIDS crisis. This is especially important for us to remember today as we perceive AIDS to be an issue of the past. The cast of 27 and the Alfred audience will all be brought together, in the same way that the quilt itself brings individuals together to recognize that AIDS is not over yet. Within the context of this community, we find comfort, protection, and hope." She is a daughter of Terry and Karen Tucker of Lansing. First is a graduate of Allegany-Limestone Central School and is a son of Lisa Reynolds of Allegany. Proceeds from the production will go to AIDS-related charities. Tickets are \$2 for AU students, \$5 for the general public, and are available at the door.