

PRESCRIPTION DRUG TRAGEDY INSPIRES FREE SHORT FILM MUSICAL

FREE FILM SERVES TO INFORM PARENTS/TEENS THROUGH ORIGINAL MUSIC
SILVER SPRING, MD – [Adventure Theatre MTC](#) and artist [Trish Glowacki](#) announce the launch of *WARNING: Take Only as Directed*, a short film musical based on a personal tragedy that will serve to reduce parent and teen prescription drug abuse available free to download on the film's website, [warningshortfilm.com](#). In 2010, an estimated 66,517 emergency department (ED) visits involving nonmedical use of pharmaceuticals were made by adolescents aged 12 to 17, according to the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Association (SAMHSA).

The film honors Trish's son, Charlie Glowacki, who lost his young life in 2011 due to a drug overdose after being introduced to prescription opioids. Glowacki hopes to change future prescription practices in parents and teens through her writing which has been adapted for the screen by Adventure Theatre MTC and local Washington, D.C. artists.

"Prescription drugs are an unsuspecting killer in the home," states writer and artist, Trish Glowacki. "Most teens don't consider them dangerous because of their typical sources. SAMHSA reports in 2012-2013 persons aged 12 or older who used pain relievers non-medically in the past 12 months, 53.0 percent got the drug they used most recently from a friend or relative for free, and 10.6 percent bought the drug from a friend or relative. Another 21.2 percent reported that they got the drug through a prescription from one doctor."

The film's [website](#) will provide free curriculum for teachers, parents, and teens as well as a free download of the short film musical in high definition.

For more information, view the film, or download the curriculum, visit [warningshortfilm.com](#) or follow *WARNING: Take Only as Directed* on [Facebook](#).

ABOUT THE WRITER AND COMPOSER, TRISH GLOWACKI

Trish Glowacki is a thespian, writer, and songwriter. Trish has written many short stories and is working on a novel and memoir. Her first musical, *WARNING: Take Only As Directed*, has been adapted for the screen. As an actor, choreographer and director over the years, Trish honed her skills at Adventure Theatre, a theater for young audiences, in Glen Echo, Maryland. Her most notable acting roles include *Little Red Riding Hood* and *Chicken Little*. Trish has served on many different boards in the D.C. area and is involved with several volunteer organizations. Raising awareness about the dangers of prescription drug abuse is her current major focus. Trish and her husband, Tony, live in Washington, DC. Their children are in various stages of college.

ABOUT THE DIRECTOR, JAMES GARDINER

[James Gardiner](#), (B.A. University of Maryland - College Park) is a professional actor and playwright. He wrote the book for *Glory Days*, which premiered at Signature Theatre in Arlington, VA and transferred to The Circle in the Square Theatre on Broadway. At the age of 23, he was one of the youngest librettists to have his work produced on Broadway. Mr. Gardiner's work has been produced commercially in Tokyo, Japan and has appeared regionally throughout the United States and Canada. As an actor, he has appeared at The Williamstown Theatre Festival, John F. Kennedy Center, Signature Theatre, Ford's Theatre, Studio Theatre, Olney Theatre Center, Round House Theatre, Folger Theatre, and Everyman Theatre. He is a proud member of Actor's Equity Association and The Screen Actors' Guild.

ABOUT ADVENTURE THEATRE MTC

Adventure Theatre (founded in 1951) and Musical Theater Center (founded in 1986) merged into one organization, [Adventure Theatre MTC](#), in 2012. Located in Glen Echo Park (Glen Echo, MD) and Wintergreen Plaza (Rockville, MD), ATMTC cultivates new generations of artists and audiences by creating memorable theatrical productions and by providing young people the highest quality musical theater training. ATMTC serves students at all skill levels and families from diverse communities, approximately 75,000 people annually.