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GOOD GRIEF GOES TO BROADWAY TO SUPPORT “HEREAFTER MUSICAL”



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By Joe Primo - Good Grief Web Site

MORRISTOWN - Grief and loss are not often the subject matter of Broadway musicals. But that's just the case with *"Hereafter Musical"*, a new show about to start its two week run on off-Broadway on Tuesday, April 24th at Theater 80 on St Mark's Place. Poignant and inspirational, *"Hereafter Musical"* explores how the living are coping with loss and how the recently departed are dealing with the end of their lives and their disconnection from their loved ones.

Good Grief's Executive Director, Marisa Bolognese and Board Member, Irene Weinberg visited with the cast this week as they rehearsed for opening night. The show's creators, Vinnie Favale and Frankie Keane, were kind enough to give Good Grief a sneak peak and spend some time sharing the story of how "*Hereafter Musical*" came to be. The inspiration for the story lines and characters came from Vinnie and Frankie's own experiences with loss. When Vinnie was a teenager his younger brother Frank died at age 7 during a family vacation and just three years later his oldest brother, Johnny, 24, died of cancer. In 2003, Vinnie read about an 18-year-old, Dennis "D.J." Wheeler, who was killed in an auto accident. Though he didn't know the family he was reminded of his own losses. "I thought about how I lost my brothers and what this poor kid's family was going through," he says. "I could feel their pain." He was inspired to begin writing songs about loss and life. In 2008, Vinnie paired up with Frankie, who herself had experienced the death of her mom as a child, and later the death of two brothers. "How people mourn and how people grieve are very complex issues," said Frankie. "*Hereafter Musical*" uses music, dance and drama to explore these complexities. In doing so Vinnie and Frankie have given voice to all those who grieve, bravely going where few others have dared to go.

Thank you Vinnie, Frankie and the entire cast and crew for bringing this universal human experience to life. "*Hereafter Musical*" will run from April 24 - May 6th and hopefully make its way to Broadway in the not so distant future.