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*****NEWS ADVISORY*****

Actress Dianne Wiest to raise the curtain in NIDA's Addiction Performance Project

Dianne Wiest leads an impressive cast in the [Addiction Performance Project](#), an innovative continuing medical education (CME) program for doctors and other health providers, on May 9 in Philadelphia, Pa. The performance is a project of the National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA), part of the National Institutes of Health, and is designed to help doctors and other health professionals better identify and help drug-abusing patients in primary care settings, and to break down the stigma associated with drug addiction.



Dianne Wiest

The program will begin with a dramatic reading of Act III of Eugene O'Neill's *Long Day's Journey into Night*, with Dianne Wiest reading the part of Mary Tyrone, the morphine addicted matriarch of a family devastated by addiction. Ms. Wiest joins other notable leading ladies, including Debra Winger, Blythe Danner, and Kathryn Erbe, in reading this role as part of the Addiction Performance Project. The reading will be followed by an expert panel reaction and facilitated audience discussion to explore the challenges for providers in working with addicted patients and the experience of these patients and their families. The performance is free and open to the public. [Advance registration](#) is recommended.

WHAT: NIDA's Addiction Performance Project

WHEN: Wednesday, May 9, 2012, 9 a.m. - 10 a.m.

WHERE: University of Pennsylvania's Perelman School of Medicine
Biomedical Research Building - II/III Auditorium
421 Curie Boulevard, Philadelphia, Pa.
www.facilities.upenn.edu/map.php

WHO: Featured Actors (subject to change)
Dianne Wiest (Mary Tyrone)
Dan Butler (James Tyrone)
Bob Braswell (Edmund Tyrone)
Julianna Zinkel (Cathleen)

Featured Panel Members

Lee Kim Erickson, M.D. (Perelman School of Medicine)
A. Thomas McLellan, Ph.D. (Treatment Research Institute)
Charles P. O'Brien, M.D., Ph.D. (Perelman School of Medicine)

A performance will also be held on May 8 from 11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. for registrants of the American Psychiatric Association's 165th Annual Meeting. **If you are a journalist and wish to attend either of these performances, please send an email to: media@nida.nih.gov.**

The project is part of [NIDAMED](#), NIDA's outreach to practicing physicians, physicians in training, and other health professionals. The Addiction Performance Project has a limited run through 2013. For more information, visit: www.drugabuse.gov/nidamed/APP.

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