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

Mare Winningham and Patrick Kennedy join NIDA's Addiction Performance Project

Movie and television star Mare Winningham will lead an impressive cast in the [Addiction Performance Project](#), an innovative continuing medical education (CME) program for doctors and other health providers, on May 19 in San Francisco, Calif. 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 health care settings, and to break down the stigma associated with drug addiction. The performance takes place at the annual meeting of the American Psychiatric Association (APA).



Mare Winningham and Patrick J. Kennedy

The program will begin with a dramatic reading of Act III of Eugene O'Neill's *Long Day's Journey into Night*, with Mare Winningham reading the part of Mary Tyrone, the morphine addicted matriarch of a family devastated by addiction. Ms. Winningham joins other notable leading ladies, including Debra Winger, Blythe Danner, Dianne Wiest, 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. Former Congressman Patrick J. Kennedy will join NIDA Director Dr. Nora Volkow and expert APA members on the panel to discuss, from a patient and family member perspective, the devastating consequences of drug abuse and addiction.

WHAT: NIDA's Addiction Performance Project

WHEN: Sunday, May 19, 2013, 2 – 4 p.m.

WHERE: American Psychiatric Association (APA) 166th Annual Meeting
Moscone Convention Center, Room 130/131
North Building, Exhibit Level
747 Howard Street
San Francisco, Calif.

The performance is free, although registration for the APA meeting is required:
<https://www.xpressreg.net/register/apaa053/press/start.asp>.

WHO: Actors (subject to change)
Mare Winningham (Mary Tyrone)
Keith Burkland (James Tyrone)
Renzo Ampuero (Edmund Tyrone)
Cary Cronholm Rose (Cathleen)

Panel Members

Nora D. Volkow, M.D. (NIDA director)
Patrick J. Kennedy (former U.S. Congressman)
Roger D. Weiss, M.D. (Harvard Medical School and McLean Hospital)
Steven L. Batki, M.D. (University of California, San Francisco and San Francisco VA Medical Center)

The Addiction Performance Project is part of [NIDAMED](http://www.drugabuse.gov/nidamed), NIDA's outreach to practicing physicians, physicians in training, and other health professionals. For more information, visit: www.drugabuse.gov/nidamed/APP. For information on other NIDA sessions at APA, go to: www.drugabuse.gov/news-events/news-releases/2013/05/advancing-psychiatric-practice-through-science-addiction.

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