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## “Take Care” Takes Off

If getting old isn't for wimps, neither is taking care of the elderly – and a sense of humor helps no matter where you are on the continuum of care.

TAPIT/new works Ensemble Theater explores the feelings, facts, heart and humor behind caregiving in **Take Care**, a new multi-disciplinary play set for performances in Madison, Thursday – Sunday, May 3 – 6 in Promenade Hall at the Overture Center.

The play, inspired by real-life caregivers, explores the relationships which develop between a member of the “Sandwich Generation” and her mother's caregivers as they try to navigate the physical, emotional and institutional terrain of aging in America.

While the story is fictional, it's based on workshops and interviews with more than 300 caregivers, social workers, older adults, agency staff, Hospice workers and family members, conducted around the country. **Take Care** takes a personal approach to widespread social concerns, delving into everything from finding and affording care to confronting race and unresolved family issues.

Tamara Moschea, director, helms the production, which features an original script and lyrics by Danielle Dresden, an original score by Jane Reynolds, video projections by Wendy Nelson, choreography by Donna Peckett, a social networking set by Christopher R. Dunham, lighting design by Patricia Micetic and costumes by Sharon White. Milwaukee-based actor Sheri Williams Pannell and Chicago-based actor Kay Dixon join Peckett and Dresden in the cast. Dr. Kay Heggstad serves as consultant to the project.

**Take Care** premieres in Wausau Thursday, April 26, 7:00 pm at the University of Wisconsin-Marathon County, which has partially supported the project from its inception.

Madison performances of **Take Care** are scheduled for Promenade Hall in the Overture Center, 10:30 am May 3; 10:30 am and 7:30 pm May 4; 2:00 pm and 7:30 pm May 5; and 2:00 pm May 6.

The production journeys to Valdez, Alaska, where it will be featured in the Last Frontier Theater Conference, Tuesday, June 12, 7:30 PM

Tickets for the Madison performances of **Take Care** are \$20 for general audiences and \$15 for students and seniors. To purchase tickets, please call the Overture Center Box Office at 608.258.4141 and select menu option 1, or visit the Overture Center website at [www.overturecenter.com](http://www.overturecenter.com). For more information, contact TAPIT/new works Ensemble Theater at 608.244.2938 or [info@tapitnewworks.org](mailto:info@tapitnewworks.org).

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