



City of Cambridge

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IN CITY COUNCIL

June 5, 2000

COUNCILLOR SULLIVAN
COUNCILLOR BORN
COUNCILLOR BRAUDE
COUNCILLOR DAVIS
COUNCILLOR DECKER
MAYOR GALLUCCIO
VICE MAYOR MAHER
COUNCILLOR REEVES
COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

WHEREAS: "Homeward Bound" a play which distills into theatrical form the stories of many women, highlights the issue of domestic violence and its underlying power, gender and political conflicts through the journey of self-discovery and healing of a young Mexican woman; and

WHEREAS: "Homeward Bound" written by Cantabrigian Michael Bettencourt, is being produced by Michael Bettencourt and Maria Beatriz on June 2nd at 8 PM and June 4th at 3 PM and 7 PM at the Community Church of Boston, 565 Boylston Street as a benefit for the AWAKE Project, the domestic violence unit at Children's Hospital; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the City Council go on record urging all Cantabrigians to be cognizant of the performances of Homeward Bound, a play about domestic violence, to benefit the Children's Hospital domestic violence unit (the AWAKE project) on June 2nd at 8 PM and June 4th at 3 PM and 7 PM at the Community Church of Boston, 565 Boylston Street, Boston; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution to Michael Bettencourt on behalf of the entire City Council.

In City Council June 5, 2000.

Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.

Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy;

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W/A ~~interested~~

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Church of Boston, 565 Boylston Street, Boston.

Date sent: **Mon, 29 May 2000 11:05:06 -0400**
From: **Michael Bettencourt <mbett29@idt.net>**
To: **msullivan@ci.cambridge.ma.us**
Subject: **HOMEWARD BOUND: A Play About Domestic Violence**

Studies show that in the United States a woman is battered every nine seconds. And, during the course of their lifetime, one-third of all American women will experience at least one physical assault by a partner. In fact, battering is the leading cause of injury to women ages 15 to 44 in this country.

One way to combat this problem is through the "antiseptic of sunshine," as one person called it: shining light on the problem so that it can no longer hide in the dark.

And that is the purpose of HOMEWARD BOUND, the play that Maria Beatriz and Michael Bettencourt are producing as a benefit for The AWAKE Project, the domestic violence unit at Children's Hospital. (AWAKE stands for Advocacy for Women and Children in Emergencies.) HOMEWARD BOUND will be performed on June 2 at 8 PM and June 4 at 3 PM and 7 PM. We are offering ticket options for HOMEWARD BOUND so that as many people as possible can see the play and have a chance to discuss the issues it raises.

* On Friday, June 2, at 8 PM, and Sunday, June 4, at 3 PM, tickets are \$20 each. But if you come with a group of five or more people, we'll knock \$5 off the ticket price to make the tickets \$15 each.

* The 7 PM performance on Sunday, June 4, is 2-for-1 -- buy a *pair* of tickets, and you get 2 for \$20.

* Members of ActorNews can buy 2-for-1 tickets for any performance: buy a *pair* of tickets, and you get 2 for \$20. Just mention that you are a member of ActorNews.

* Reservations can be left at (617) 492-3347 or by email to mariab@sprynet.com or mbett29@idt.net

* Leave your name, phone number, the date of the performance, and the number of tickets you want (and mention if you are a member of ActorNews). * Performances are at the Community Church of Boston, 565 Boylston Street (one block from the Copley stop on the Green Line, between Clarendon and Dartmouth Streets) and proceeds go to AWAKE.

HOMEWARD BOUND is directed by Nina Pleasants and features choreography by Ilyse Robbins. The company includes Giovanna Negretti, Genie Montalvo, Alexander Albregts, William Luera, Elaine Theodore, and Rick Winterson.

HOMEWARD BOUND distills into a theatrical form the stories of many women who have experienced abuse in their lives and examines how domestic violence is not simply a problem of dangerous relationships between individuals but is also an expression of larger conflicts about power, gender, and politics. The play uses elements like the "quinceañera," the tango (a dance in which seduction and aggression have blurred boundaries), vacuously dangerous speeches by politicians, dreams, and symbols of Mexican culture to dramatize young Juanita's journey of self-discovery and healing.

We hope to see you there.

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Councillor Sullivan

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ORDER ADOPTED

THIS RESOLUTION IS PREVIOUSLY CARRIED ON BEHALF OF THE ENTIRE CITY COUNCIL