



Tim White has passed away

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Timothy C. White, highly regarded local actor



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Timothy C. "Tim" White lost his long fight against kidney disease Tuesday.

The highly regarded Buffalo actor, theater director and radio personality died unexpectedly in his Buffalo home, days after completing preview performances of "American Rhapsody" at MusicalFare Theatre in Snyder. He was 49. Mr. White received a kidney transplant in August but had recently undergone renewed dialysis treatments three times a week.

He did not let that taxing routine affect his performances "in the least," said Randall Kramer, MusicalFare executive and artistic director, who said he was shocked by news of the actor's death.

Mr. White played an older piano player who helps the central character, a pianist played by Kramer, understand how composer George Gershwin was influenced by such musical lions as Stephen Foster, Irving Berlin, W.C. Handy

and Eubie Blake.

In Friday's editions of The Buffalo News, reviewer Colin Dabkowski called the one-act revue "a tightly constructed exploration of the early 20th century's underappreciated and revelatory music" that also "serves as a poignant statement about the inextricable links among American musical, racial and political progress."

"We had eight performances last week, and Tim did a great job," Kramer said.

Mr. White acted in many locally produced plays over nearly two decades and was formerly artistic director of Buffalo Ensemble Theatre.

He was co-founder and managing party of Business Theatre Works, which explored workplace scenarios for corporate clients, and had extensive experience in commercial voice-over work.

Mr. White was a 26-year broadcast veteran who performed and played soft pop music during the 1980s and 1990s on WECK-AM 1230, where he consistently rated among the top 10 morning personalities. He also worked briefly at WJYE.

He was an associate minister at Faith Missionary Baptist Church in Buffalo and a board member of Upstate New York Transplant Services.

MusicalFare canceled performances of "American Rhapsody" scheduled for tonight and Thursday. The show will resume Friday.

Funeral arrangements are incomplete.

-- Tom Buckham