

# THE FORGETTING

A Portrait of Alzheimer's



Encore National Broadcast  
August 3, 2008 at 9 PM ET, check local listings  
**PRIME TIME EMMY AWARD WINNER**  
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Followed by a new, 30-minute special hosted by David Hyde Pierce  
**THE FUTURE OF ALZHEIMER'S**  
*Sunday, August 3 at 10:30pm ET on PBS*

When the documentary ***THE FORGETTING: A Portrait of Alzheimer's*** was originally broadcast on PBS in 2004, more than 10 million people tuned in to watch. Since then, there have been significant advances in Alzheimer's research, but still two million more Americans have been diagnosed with the disease.

This summer, PBS will present an encore broadcast of ***THE FORGETTING: A Portrait of Alzheimer's*** on **Sunday, August 3 at 9pm ET** (check local listings). The 90-minute special will be immediately followed by a *new* half-hour panel discussion recorded on the eve of the 2008 International Conference on Alzheimer's Disease in Chicago. Actor and Alzheimer's champion David Hyde Pierce hosts. Pierce, who has experienced Alzheimer's first-hand through the illness of his grandfather and his father, moderates a panel of medical experts and scientists who discuss the latest developments in research, early diagnosis and treatment, and what it all means for patients and their families. Appearing in ***THE FUTURE OF ALZHEIMER'S*** are **Steven T. DeKosky, M.D.**, director, Alzheimer's Disease Research Center at the University of Pittsburgh; **Rudolph E. Tanzi, Ph.D.**, professor, Department of Neurology, Harvard Medical School and director, Genetics and Aging Research Unit at Massachusetts General Hospital; **Lisa Gwyther, M.S.W.** education director, Bryan Alzheimer's Disease Research Center and co-author, *The Alzheimer's Action Plan*; and **Jennifer Manly, Ph.D.**, associate professor of Neuropsychology at Columbia University Medical Center.

## BIOGRAPHIES OF TALENT ATTENDING PRESS TOUR

### DAVID HYDE PIERCE, host, ***THE FUTURE OF ALZHEIMER'S***

David Hyde Pierce portrayed Dr. Niles Crane in the long-running NBC series "Frasier," for which he earned four Emmy Awards, the American Comedy, Television Critics, Viewers for Quality Television, and Screen Actors Guild Awards. His theatrical credits include *Curtains*, for which he won the 2007 Tony Award for lead actor in a musical, *Spamalot*, *Beyond Therapy* and *The Heidi Chronicles* on Broadway, and numerous Off-Broadway and regional roles. His films include: "Sleepless in Seattle"; "Wolf"; "Nixon"; "Isn't She Great?"; "Wet, Hot American Summer"; "Full Frontal"; "Down with Love" and the animated films "A Bug's Life," "Osmosis Jones" and "Treasure Planet." In addition to his acting career, Mr. Pierce has been an Alzheimer's Association National Board Member since 1999. As a board member and national spokesperson he works with the Alzheimer's Association in its dual mission to eliminate Alzheimer's disease through advancement of research and to enhance care and support for individuals, their families and caregivers.

**JAY SMITH, early stage Alzheimer's patient, board member, California Southland Chapter, Alzheimer's Association** A former architect, Jay Smith was diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease in December 2005 at the age of 66. As an architect, he was responsible for the planning and design of major facilities for the justice system throughout California and the west. Throughout his career, he was active with the American Institute of Architects' National Committee on Architecture for Justice, planning and participating in its professional conferences nationwide, and serving as its chair in 1995. Mr. Smith was the co-chair of the Alzheimer Association's California Southland Chapter's first early memory loss forum, which he named after a quote he heard in *The Forgetting: A Portrait of Alzheimer's*. He recently completed a one-year term on the national Alzheimer's Association's Early Stage Advisory Group.

**STEVEN T. DeKOSKY, M.D., director, Alzheimer's Disease Research Center, University of Pittsburgh** Dr. Steven DeKosky and his research team at the University of Pittsburgh are featured in *The Forgetting: A Portrait of Alzheimer's*. His clinical research includes differential diagnosis, neuroimaging and genetic risks for Alzheimer's disease and trials of new medications. His basic research centers on structural and neurochemical changes in human brains in normal aging and dementia. He is director of a national multicenter trial in the United States to assess whether Ginkgo biloba can delay onset of dementia in normal elderly adults. In 2004 he was appointed to the Peripheral and Central Nervous System Advisory Committee of the Food and Drug Administration (FDA).

Dr. DeKosky was a member of the national board of directors of the Alzheimer's Association for eight years, the last four as vice-chair. He was the chair of the Alzheimer's Association Medical and Scientific Advisory Council from 1997 to 2002. He also chairs the Professional Advisory Board of the Greater Pittsburgh Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association and was a founding member of the Lexington-Blue Grass Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association. In 2002 he was elected chair of the Medical and Scientific Advisory Panel of Alzheimer's Disease International (ADI) the international organization of national Alzheimer's associations. Dr. DeKosky has served as chair of the Section on Geriatrics of the American Academy of Neurology (AAN). He has received the Presidential Award of the American Neurological Association, and is listed in "The Best Doctors in America." He has published over 200 peer-reviewed articles and book chapters.

After earning a bachelor's degree in psychology from Bucknell University in Lewisburg, Pa., Dr. DeKosky attended the University of Florida in Gainesville for graduate studies in psychology and neuroscience. In 1974, he graduated from the University of Florida College of Medicine. After an internship in internal medicine at the Johns Hopkins Hospital, Dr. DeKosky completed a three-year residency in neurology at the University of Florida in 1978. One year later, he completed a postdoctoral fellowship in neurochemistry at the Clinical Neuroscience Research Center in the Department of Neurology at the University of Virginia School of Medicine. Effective August 1, 2008, Dr. DeKosky will be named the James Carroll Flippin Professor in Medical Science and vice president and dean of the School of Medicine at the University of Virginia while maintaining his research at the University of Pittsburgh.

**NAOMI S. BOAK, executive producer**

Naomi S. Boak is senior executive producer in the National Production Division at Twin Cities Public Television. Ms. Boak was the executive producer of the Primetime Emmy Award-winning *The Forgetting: A Portrait of Alzheimer's*. She is also the executive producer of the PBS series, *Life (Part 2)* which helps boomers navigate their later years with a wink and a smile. She was the executive producer of the 2007 PBS primetime documentary special, *FAT: What No One Is Telling You*. She has written and produced Emmy Award-winning children's specials for CBS and was executive producer for the daily comedy show *Snap Judgment* on Court TV. She received an A.B. in anthropology from Stanford University and did graduate work at the UCLA School of Theater, Film and Television.

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