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TRIBUTE TO R.A. (RUSS) RADLEY

Sunday, June 5th, 7:00 p.m.
Joseph Papp Public Theater
425 Lafayette Street
New York, New York

Recollections:

- (1) New York City Gay Men's Chorus
*Unforgettable **
- (2) Richard Feldman
- (3) Kristine Gebbie
- (4) Ruth Messinger
- (5) Michael Seltzer
- (6) Gay Men's Chorus
*I Am Who I Am **
- (7) George Slowik
- (8) Louis Jones
- (9) Joyce Bove
- (10) Sharon King
- (11) Richard Feldman
- (12) Gay Men's Chorus
*Its Our Time, Breath In **

* **Note:** Richard, we are still waiting to hear from the chorus confirming these songs.

Contributions perpetuating the work of Russ Radley can be made to:

***The R.A. Radley Fund at
The New York Community Trust
2 Park Avenue***

R. A. RADLEY

On January 21, 1994, **R.A. (Russell) Radley**, 43, died of AIDS-related illness at Cabrini Hospice in Manhattan after an eight and half-year battle with AIDS.

Mr. Radley was a nationally-prominent AIDS activist. As the first executive director of the Design Industries Foundation for AIDS (**DIFFA**) in 1986, he was the first full-time AIDS grantmaker in the United States. Under his leadership, DIFFA often awarded the first grant to some of the nation's leading AIDS service and prevention efforts, including the **NAMES Project** in San Francisco.

He also served as a founding board member of the following organizations: the **Gay Men's Health Crisis**, the world's largest AIDS service and advocacy organization; **Funders Concerned About AIDS**, a coalition of 1200 foundation and business officials organized to encourage sustained philanthropic support of the country's 18,000-plus local AIDS/HIV frontline efforts; the **New York City AIDS Fund**, a coalition of foundations and corporations; Photographers and Friends United Against AIDS, the photography industry's response to AIDS; the **Mayor of New York City's Ryan White HIV Planning Council**; and the **New York City Gay Men's Chorus**, one of the oldest choruses of its kind. He was an organizational development advisor to the **Lesbian and Gay Community Services Center** in New York City.

As a long-term survivor, during his lifetime, he served as an inspiration to countless others who were also living with the AIDS. He was honored with the Black Leadership Commission on AIDS 'Choose Life' Award in 1993 and the AIDS Resource Center Key Award in 1991.

Mr. Radley was born in Whitestown, New York. As a teenager, he was a volunteer youth counselor in rural upstate communities and migrant camps. He is a graduate of SUNY/Plattsburgh. Subsequently, he established a publishing concern, which produced educational materials for educators throughout the Northeast. In the early 1970's, he was assistant to the President of the University College at Plattsburgh. Subsequently, he designed a marketing, outreach, and public affairs program for the 72 campuses of the State University of New York. Also, he served as director of education and research of the American Society of Interior Designers.

In the early 1980's, he ran a management consulting practice specializing in organizational development, planning and executive search. Clients included American Telephone and Telegraph, General Mills, Barnard College, Barnard College of Columbia University, the Institute of Business Designers, and the Mobil Corporation.

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He is survived by his parents, Stanley and Geraldine Radley of Sarasota, Florida, his brother, Roger Radley of Philipsburg, Montana, his companion, and numerous friends and colleagues. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the R.A. Radley Fund, c/o The New York Community Trust, 2 Park Avenue, New York, New York to continue his work. Acknowledgements and condolences can be sent to his brother, Roger Radley, P.O. Box 664, Philipsburg, Montana 59858. A memorial service will be held in New York City in the near future.

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I would like to do this--what is the conflict, if any? I remember the request coming in and that I had some question, but can't remember what. What would be the travel schedule to make it? When would I have to leave (latest time) to be there? Sorry to sound grumpy, but any message with a "needs respons by 5 today" cant be reliably done by ccMail, at least when I'm on the road and 3 time zones away.

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