

## **NTID TO PERFORM WEST SIDE STORY IN SIGN AND VOICE**

April 13, 1999

Elemental themes of love, tragedy and justice are brought to life in dance, song and music as NTID Performing Arts presents West Side Story, the true classic musical presented as never before--in both sign language and in voice.

Directed by NTID Performing Arts Artistic Director Bonnie Meath-Lang and featuring the talents of 70 RIT deaf and hearing students, faculty/staff and Rochester community members, NTID's version of West Side Story is a full-fledged adaptation of the original. Guest designers from Broadway were brought to Rochester to design the scenery and lighting.

"The meaning of the play for me is that beauty, love, and humor can be found in the hardest of worlds," said Meath-Lang, "which sets an oppositional backdrop to the senselessness and violence in which the gangs engage."

Performances will be held at the Robert F. Panara Theatre, located on the first floor of NTID's LBJ building on the RIT campus, April 29-May 2, and May 7-8. Evening performances Thursday, Fridays, and Saturdays are at 8:00 p.m.; the Sunday matinee is at 2:30 p.m.

Tickets are \$5 for any full-time student or senior citizen and \$7 for all others, and may be purchased at the NTID Box Office, open weekdays 10-4, and one hour prior to the performance. Reservations may be made by calling 475-6254 (v/tty), or by sending e-mail to [NTIDTIX@rit.edu](mailto:NTIDTIX@rit.edu).