



HEARTS: Health Enriched by the Arts

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Greetings to Nursing Students & Professors and Registered & Retired Nurses:
HEARTS: Health & Arts is conducting a **qualitative study** about the impact of viewing a performance of a new musical about **Florence Nightingale**. We are currently seeking participants in our study and are contacting you to ask if you would be interested.

Does Florence Nightingale inspire you to make your own voice heard?

Each study participant will be asked to attend a performance of ***Nightingale: A Musical Regarding the Life & Passion of Miss Florence Nightingale*** by Pamela Gerke. The show will be performed in Seattle, Tacoma, Lake Chelan, and Bellingham from January 25 through May 23, 2020 (various dates and locations).

For the full schedule, see Bicentennial [Tour](#).

<http://heartshealtharts.org/nightingale-musical/>

We are seeking nurses, nursing students and professors to do the following in conjunction with attending a performance of *Nightingale*:

- Answer a brief online survey before and after viewing the performance
- Participate in one in-depth interview of about one hour in length after viewing the performance
- Sign two consent forms, one online for the survey and one in person for the interview (all information about participants will be held in strict confidence).

All participants who complete the online surveys and interview will receive \$20 in cash.

Upon completion of the study, the resulting paper will be presented at the **15th International Conference on the Arts in Society** to be held in June at the National University of Ireland in Galway. The paper will also be submitted to appropriate academic journals for possible publication and will further the research into **the impact of the arts on health**.

Several area nursing schools and organizations are joining us in this celebration by sponsoring performances during winter and spring of this year, including:

- Washington State Nurses Association and SEIU Healthcare 1199NW
- UW Network of Doctoral Students in Nursing and the UW School of Nursing
- Washington State Nurses Association Union Leadership Conference
- King County Nurses Association
- Pierce County Nurses Association and Tacoma Community College Nursing
- Bellingham Technical College School of Nursing, Student Nurse Organization
- Washington Center for Nursing

We are excited about this tour and how our research project can contribute to Arts & Health!

To participate, or for additional information, please email [Dr. Connie Amundson](mailto:Dr.Connie.Amundson).

P.S. Please feel free to forward this to colleagues whom you think would be interested! This letter and the consent form for participation are also attached for your convenience.

Thank you,
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