



Ernest Wiggins

*ashes, ashes:  
A Poet Responds to the Holocaust*

Since portraying Anne Frank in her Pope Pius XII High School senior class play, Susanna Rich has been committed to promoting interfaith understanding and world peace. Originally created with the support of Sister Rose Thering, Susanna and artist Jo Jochnowitz toured their paired work on the Holocaust through The New Jersey School of the Arts. In her new one-woman performance of *ashes, ashes*, directed by Ernest Wiggins, she embodies and enacts the testimonies of fifteen Holocaust victims, survivors, perpetrators, and liberators. Weaving the past with the present; poetry with art, music, and stagecraft; this production is remembrance and hope—a vigil for as well as a celebration of human dignity and love.

Dr. Paul Winkler, Executive Director of the New Jersey Commission on Holocaust Education, recommends as a vehicle for fulfilling the state mandate for Holocaust/Genocide Studies. Susanna's follow-up Arts Against Genocide Workshops themes include

- ❖ Poetry as antidote to prejudice
- ❖ The dynamics of empathy
- ❖ Creating your own themed poetry performances

Susanna Rich is an Emmy-nominated poet and is the recipient of the Presidential Excellence Award for Distinguished Teaching at Kean University.

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