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The Greenwich Arts Council
presents

ME AND PLUTO
Two One-act Orbits

An Intergenerational Theater Production by
ROOTS & BRANCHES

Wednesday, May 16, 1 to 3 pm
Greenwich Arts Council Meeting Room
299 Greenwich Avenue

Wednesday, May 16, at 1 pm, will mark the return engagement of the intergenerational theater company Roots & Branches, in *ME AND PLUTO*, an original performance piece of two one-act plays created and developed in workshop by this unique and marvelous troupe of players. Both plays are about change: the kind of change that we look for and the kind that is done to us.

The first "Orbit," by Ed Schultz, deals with Les, an older man whose increasing physical limitations make walking difficult for him. We first meet him searching the web for an explanation of what is wrong with him. During his search, he stumbles across the news that the planet Pluto has just been demoted and is no longer considered a planet.

The second "Orbit" is a musical play by Alicia Mathewson, and tells the story of a group of friends, of various ages and infirmities, attempting to make a climb up the San Bruno mountains for a clearer view of the stars and of the power that Pluto, although demoted, still holds in astrological circles.

Roots & Branches, an intergenerational ensemble of actors between the ages of 20 and 85, including acting students from NYU, was founded in 1990 by Arthur Strimling to develop theatre workshops, productions, and other arts-related projects that build understanding and respect between generations, celebrating the wisdom, energy, and creativity of elders, while challenging the stereotypes about age and aging.

Thanks to the proud partnership of the Greenwich Arts Council with the CT Commission on Aging, and Family Centers, Inc., *ME AND PLUTO* is presented free of charge and is part of the Arts Council's spring celebration of the arts, Art to the Avenue. Seating is limited on a first come, first served basis. For more information, please call the GAC office at 203-622-3998 or log on to www.greenwicharts.org.

The Greenwich Arts Council promotes the arts by nurturing artists and building audiences, bringing the arts to the community and the community to the arts.