



Jonathan Larson,

creator of RENT, died suddenly at the age of 35 of a misdiagnosed aortic dissection, thought to have been caused by Marfan syndrome.

His death could have been prevented.

1 in 5,000 people have Marfan syndrome, but half are not diagnosed. Knowing the signs is the key to an early and accurate diagnosis and life-saving treatment.

SOME FEATURES OF MARFAN SYNDROME ARE EASIER TO SEE THAN OTHERS: Long arms, legs, and fingers | Tall and thin body type | Curved spine | Sunken or protruding chest | Flexible joints | Flat feet | Crowded teeth | Unexplained stretch marks

HARDER-TO-DETECT SIGNS INCLUDE: Heart problems | Sudden collapse of a lung | Eye problems, including severe nearsightedness, dislocated lens, detached retina, early glaucoma, and early cataracts

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