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THE BROWARD CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS SEEKS TEEN AMBASSADORS

Teens will share their experiences through social media

FORT LAUDERDALE – The Broward Center for the Performing Arts is accepting applications from high school students interested in the arts and journalism for its **2018–2019 Broward Center Teen Ambassador Program**. High school students attending public, private or home school in Broward, Miami-Dade and Palm Beach counties are eligible to join the program.

Teen Ambassadors are responsible for sharing with the community their experiences at the Broward Center and affiliated venues by posting their experiences to the teen ambassador website and their personal social media outlets. Detailing their experiences through written reviews, these students offer a teenage perspective as they gain exposure to a variety of performance styles. Teen Ambassadors are provided with behind-the-scenes experiences and exclusive educational opportunities, including introductions to performances in every artistic discipline. Acting as in-house theatre critics, these students must demonstrate a dedication to both the performing arts and writing.

Since its inception in 2010, the Teen Ambassador Program has given more than 100 students, many of which are repeat ambassadors, the opportunity to attend performances and has provided behind-the-scenes knowledge of the arts at the Broward Center, which is consistently ranked as one of the top 10 venues in the world.

This year's program will be held from October 10, 2018 through May 31, 2018. Each student will earn community service hours for participating in the program.

Applications are available online and will be accepted through August 24 by 5 p.m. Applicants must be high school students residing in Broward, Palm Beach or Miami-Dade County as of August 2018. If accepted, students must attend and review at least one performance per month, for which tickets will be provided by the Broward Center. Students must attend one meeting per month at the Broward Center, maintain a minimum "B" average and have access to a computer and at least one social media account.

Applications must be signed by a parent or legal guardian and submitted with a copy of the student's 2017–18 school year report cards. Applicants must also include a letter of recommendation from an educator (such as a teacher, school counselor or principal) who is familiar with the student's academics and work ethic).

Applicants will be notified of acceptance into the program by September 21 and will be expected to attend two activities each month beginning with the mandatory orientation meeting (presence of parent or legal guardian is mandatory) on Wednesday, October 10 at 5:30 p.m. at the Broward Center. Visit BrowardCenter.org/teenambassador, call 954.468.2689 or e-mail teenambassador@browardcenter.org for more information.

The Broward Center for the Performing Arts is located in the Riverwalk Arts & Entertainment District at 201 SW Fifth Avenue in Fort Lauderdale.

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One of America's premier performing arts venues, the Broward Center for the Performing Arts presents more than 700 performances each year to more than 700,000 patrons, showcasing a wide range of exciting cultural programming and events. Guest experiences at the Broward Center include the all-inclusive JetBlue Flight Deck on the Club Level, special events in the Huizenga Pavilion, waterfront dining at Marti's New River Bistro and innovative classes and workshops for all ages at the Rose Miniaci Arts Education Center. With one of the largest arts-in-education programs in the United States, the Broward Center serves more than 130,000 students annually. The Broward Performing Arts Foundation, Inc. receives and maintains funds to sustain, develop and secure the future of the Broward Center. The Broward Center for the Performing Arts is located in the Riverwalk Arts & Entertainment District at 201 SW Fifth Ave. in Fort Lauderdale. For more information, visit BrowardCenter.org.

The Riverwalk Arts & Entertainment Consortium is a cultural partnership between the Broward Center for the Performing Arts, Bonnet House Museum & Gardens, NSU Art Museum Fort Lauderdale, Florida Grand Opera, Fort Lauderdale History Center and the Historic Stranahan House Museum. It is supported by the Broward County Board of County Commissioners as recommended by the Broward Cultural Council and the Greater Fort Lauderdale Convention & Visitors Bureau. Programs are sponsored in part by the State of Florida, Department of State, Division of Cultural Affairs, the Florida Council on Arts and Culture.