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SLOW BURN THEATRE COMPANY PRESENTS THE IT GETS BETTER PROJECT AT THE BROWARD CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS

Weeklong residency exploring tolerance and acceptance is open to members of the LGBT community and culminates is a performance Enrollment in the residency ends June 18

FORT LAUDERDALE – Slow Burn Theatre Company presents the **It Gets Better Project**, a weeklong residency for members of the LGBT community that culminates in a performance of poems, songs, skits and more promoting anti-bullying, self-image, tolerance and acceptance in the Mary N. Porter Riverview Ballroom at the Broward Center on **Friday, June 22 at 7 p.m.**

LGBTQ teens and LGBT adults ages 16 and older are invited to register for the residency which will provide an opportunity for teens and adults to learn from each other about these topics in a supportive and accepting setting as they work together on the performance project.

The It Gets Better Project began in 2010 after writer Dan Savage and his husband, Terry Miller, created a YouTube video in which worldwide supporters assured youth who felt bullied that "it gets better."

A troupe of eight actors from the "It Gets Better Project" will facilitate the activities which will also include a collaboration with a South Florida chorus. Those involved in the residency may be performers, writers and those who work behind the scenes to support those on stage.

The workshop residency will take place in the Porter Riverview Ballroom at the Broward Center Monday–Friday, June 18–22 from 9 a.m.–5 p.m. Enrollment in the workshop is \$20 the last day to register is June 18. To register visit https://www.browardcenter.org/it-gets-better-workshop.

This workshop and performance is made possible by a grant from the Community Foundation of Broward County. Community partners include the Broward Center, Fort Lauderdale Pride, Broward County Schools, SunServe and Our Fund.

Tickets to the performance on June 23 are \$10. Ticketmaster is the only official ticketing service of the Broward Center, Parker Playhouse and affiliated venues. Buy tickets online at BrowardCenter.org or Ticketmaster.com; by phone at 954.462.0222 or the Broward Center's AutoNation Box Office. Know who you are buying from when you purchase tickets.

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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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.