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BROWARD CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS SEEKS TEEN AMBASSADORS

Miami-Dade and Palm Beach county teens offered opportunity along with Broward County students

FORT LAUDERDALE – The Broward Center for the Performing Arts is accepting applications from high school students interested in the arts for its **2016–2017 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 participate in educational workshops with touring artists, write reviews, share their experiences via social media and see live performances in every genre.

Since its inception in 2010, the Teen Ambassador Program has given more than 120 students 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 September 2016 through May 30, 2017. Each student will earn community service hours for participating in the program.

Applicants must be high school students residing in Broward, Palm Beach or Miami-Dade County as of August 2016. If accepted, students must attend and review at least one performance per month for which tickets will be provided by the Broward Center. They must attend one meeting per month, at the Broward Center, maintain a minimum "B" average in school, have access to a computer and at least one social media account, and be willing to promote the Broward Center and its presentations through social media and grass-roots activities.

To apply, interested students must complete the application, which must be signed by a parent or legal guardian, and submit a copy of their 2015–16 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/or work ethic).

Applications are available online and will be accepted through August 26 by 5 p.m. Those accepted into the program will be notified by September 23. The first meeting will be held on October 20 at 5:30 p.m. and is a mandatory orientation for the student and a parent or legal guardian. 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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About The Broward Center for the Performing Arts

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 LATAM AIRLINES CLUB LEVEL, spectacular riverfront views for 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 150,000 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.

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CALENDAR BRIEF

The Broward Center for the Performing Arts is accepting applications for the Broward Center Teen Ambassador Program in which local high school students attend performances and educational workshops at the Broward Center and provide information about their experiences to their peers through social networking. Applications are available online and will be accepted through August 26 by 5 p.m. Those accepted into the program will be notified by September 23. Applicants must be high school students residing in Broward, Palm Beach or Miami-Dade County as of August 2016. If accepted, students must attend and review at least one performance per month, for which tickets will be provided by the Broward Center. They 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. For more information, visit BrowardCenter.org/teenambassador, call 954.468.2689 or e-mail teenambassador@browardcenter.org.