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## **BROWARD CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS WELCOMES TEEN AMBASSADORS**

*Two dozen students from local schools gain first-hand experience in the arts and share with friends on social media*

**FORT LAUDERDALE** – The Broward Center for the Performing Arts has welcomed 24 students from 18 local high schools and a home schooling program into the 2015-16 class of the Broward Center Teen Ambassador Program.

“More than 100 students have participated in the Teen Ambassador program since its inception in 2010 and we have heard from many who stay in touch and tell us that the experience has helped them in college as well as made them more well-rounded individuals,” said Broward Center President and CEO Kelley Shanley.

Teen Ambassadors participate in educational workshops with touring artists, write reviews, share their experiences on social media and see live performances in every genre. Teen Ambassadors earn community service hours for their participation.

This year’s Teen Ambassadors are: Sofia Ubilla, **American Heritage School**; Valeria Hansen, **Archbishop Coleman F. Carroll**; Casey Guarasci and Nicky Macias, **College Academy at Broward College**; Elizabeth Amanna and Caleb Polsky, **Cooper City High School**; Camryn Handler and Rachel Schonberger, **Cypress Bay High School**; Shelly Massre, **David Posnack Jewish Day School**; Jaclyn Hansen-Kaufman, **Fort Lauderdale High School**; Emma Rice, **home schooled** ; Alyssa Holcomb, **J.P. Taravella High School**; Francis Diez, **North Broward Preparatory**; Elizabeth Garrison, **Pembroke Pines Charter High School**; Alexis Krigger, **Pine Crest School**; Javonda Carter, **Pompano Beach High School**; Andrew Lorenzen, **Ransom Everglades School**; Danella Moncaliano, **Sagemont School**; Jonathan Howard, Gianna Trapani and Mackenzie Jacob, **St. Thomas Aquinas**; Andrew Singer, **NSU University School**; Carla Corsetti, **West Broward High School**; and Julia Dale, **Western High School**.

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 Broward Center for the Performing Arts is one of America’s premier performing arts venues. Presenting more than 700 performances each year to more than 700,000 patrons, the Center showcases a wide range of exciting cultural programming and events, and offers one of the largest arts-in-education programs in the United States, serving 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](http://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.