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ARENA STAGE'S SUCCESSFUL SUMMER CAMP RETURNS THIS YEAR WITH ADDITIONAL TWO-WEEK SESSION

*****Registration now open for the third summer of Camp Arena Stage on
Georgetown Visitation Preparatory School's campus*****



(Washington, D.C.) Artistic Director Molly Smith announces the return of Camp Arena Stage, a multi-arts summer day camp for young people ages 8 to 15. Anita Maynard-Losh, Arena's Director of Community Engagement, helms both the intensive four-week and abridged two-week sessions at Georgetown Visitation Preparatory School. The four-week camp will run June 25 to July 20. The two-week session will run July 23 to August 3. Campers will have access to the school's newly renovated performing arts center with 500-seat theater and dance studio. Tuition for the four-week intensive is \$1,600, and tuition for the two-week experience is \$900. Campers also have the opportunity to attend both sessions, a six-week theater extravaganza, for the reduced price of \$2,400. There is a special discount for returning campers and their referrals, and a limited number of need-based scholarships are available by application. **Register at www.arenastage.org or call (202) 554-9066, ext. 808 to receive a brochure.**

"The campers form a supportive and joyous community of artists that spends an unforgettable summer together, guided by our outstanding staff," said Maynard-Losh. "We look forward to the camp's expansion and another inspiring summer."

Camp Arena Stage is dedicated to the personal and creative growth of its participants by providing a summer of unforgettable arts experiences, centered on the campers' ability to choose from a host of activities in theater, dance, music, media and visual arts. Staffed by professional artist-educators and supported by a team of highly trained, warm and energetic counselors, Camp Arena Stage aims to bring together campers from diverse backgrounds to explore, discover and create art. Each day consists of five pre-designated periods, with activities like video production, papier-mâché, improvisation and hip hop. In addition, one "choice" period breaks the class routine when campers get to choose from a list of surprise "one-shot" sessions such as ultimate Frisbee, stage makeup, poetry slam or yoga. A daily noontime show highlights the talents of campers, counselors and guest artists.

During the four-week intensive session, Camp Arena Stage immerses campers in the artistic process, allowing time for in-depth projects and arts exploration. Field trips, theme days, and the final arts Extravaganza give young people the chance to whet their artistic appetite in a unique setting. But for the camper with a jam-packed summer schedule, the two-week abridged session allows students to benefit from Arena's artistic instruction without the time commitment of the intensive program.

Camp runs Monday-Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., with Early Drop-Off and Extended Day available for students of the intensive program only for an additional fee. Proceeds help support educational programs that are offered at low or no charge to area schools by the Community Engagement division of Arena Stage.

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