

# ARENA STAGE MEDIA RELEASE

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PRESIDENT & MRS. JIMMY CARTER TO BE HONORARY CHAIRS OF  
THE *CAMP DAVID* RED CARPET PREMIERE  
THURSDAY, APRIL 3, 2014  
AT ARENA STAGE AT THE MEAD CENTER FOR AMERICAN THEATER

\*\*\* The exclusive evening is in honor of the vision of  
President Jimmy Carter, President Anwar Sadat and Prime Minister Menachem Begin \*\*\*

(Washington, D.C.) Arena Stage at the Mead Center for American Theater Artistic Director **Molly Smith** and Executive Producer **Edgar Dobie** are proud to announce **President Jimmy Carter and Mrs. Rosalynn Carter** will serve as Honorary Chairs of The *Camp David* Red Carpet Premiere, **Thursday April 3, 2014**. The exclusive evening will surround the official opening night for the world-premiere historical drama *Camp David*, written by Pulitzer Prize-winning author **Lawrence Wright**, directed by Smith and produced in association with **Gerald Rafshoon**. The event will include a VIP pre-show cocktail reception, three-course seated dinner in the Arlene and Robert Kogod Cradle, opening night performance of *Camp David* and post-show dessert reception with the cast.

**About *Camp David*:** Sixty-two miles north of Washington, D.C., nestled in Catoctin Mountain Park, lies the clandestine retreat known as Camp David. For 13 tumultuous days, President Jimmy Carter and his wife Rosalynn host Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin and Egyptian President Anwar Sadat in an attempt to create the impossible: Peace in the Middle East. How could such a massive undertaking be accomplished in such a short amount of time? Artistic Director Molly Smith directs the world premiere of Pulitzer Prize-winning author Lawrence Wright's new play based on true events, starring Tony Award winner **Ron Rifkin** (*Alias*, Broadway's *Cabaret*) and Emmy Award winner **Richard Thomas** (*The Waltons*) as Begin and Carter, respectively. *Camp David* runs March 21 – May 4, 2014 in the Kreeger Theater.

All proceeds support all aspects of Arena Stage, including artistic productions and initiatives as well as community engagement programs, which educate students in the classroom, bring cutting-edge workshops to community organizations and train future artists and educators. Arena Stage is committed to sharing the riches of theater with the surrounding community and inviting younger, more diverse audiences to the theater. For more information, visit [arenastage.org/education/education-programs](http://arenastage.org/education/education-programs).

## [The Camp David Red Carpet Premiere](#)

Thursday, April 3, 2014

Arena Stage at the Mead Center for American Theater (1101 Sixth St. SW)

**5:30 p.m.** VIP Cocktail Reception

**6:30 p.m.** Seated Dinner in the Arlene and Robert Kogod Cradle

**8:00 p.m.** World-premiere opening performance of *Camp David*, followed by post-show cast reception

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### **Tickets:**

Individual tickets and corporate sponsorship opportunities for The *Camp David* Red Carpet Premiere range from \$250 to \$50,000. For further information and secure tickets, contact Maria Corso at 202-600-4176 or email [rsvp@arenastage.org](mailto:rsvp@arenastage.org). For additional details, you may visit [arenastage.org/donate/special-events/camp-david-premiere/](http://arenastage.org/donate/special-events/camp-david-premiere/).

For media inquiries and access e-mail [press@arenastage.org](mailto:press@arenastage.org). Space is extremely limited.

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