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ARENA STAGE AT THE MEAD CENTER FOR AMERICAN THEATER
TO HOST FOURTH ANNUAL MILITARY THANKSGIVING
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(Washington, D.C.) Every year, hundreds of D.C.-area military families must spend the Thanksgiving holiday away from loved ones. In gratitude for their service, **Arena Stage is inviting wounded warriors, service men and women and their families to a complimentary dinner and performance of *Fiddler on the Roof* at the Mead Center for American Theater (1101 Sixth St., SW) on Friday, November 28.** Arena Stage is working primarily through the USO-Metro to distribute the tickets irrespective of rank. Additional tickets are distributed through the Washington DC-Virginia Medical Center Caregiver Support Program and the Southeast Veterans Service Center. It is anticipated that about 200 service men and women and their families will experience this special evening.

“Living in Washington, D.C. we see daily reminders of the size and scope of the people who volunteer to protect and serve their country,” shares Arena Stage Executive Producer **Edgar Dobie**. “Arena is proud to continue the tradition of sharing a moment of thanks with our esteemed military colleagues.”

The evening will begin with a 5:30 p.m. cocktail reception featuring a performance by military musicians and the presentation of the colors. A seated, three-course dinner will be prepared and served by **Ridgewells Catering** at 6:00 p.m., and guests will enjoy a performance of *Fiddler on the Roof* at 8:00 p.m.

Additional support is provided by the **David Bruce Smith Foundation, USAA Real Estate Company, Northrop Grumman, United Service Organizations (USO), Clark Construction** and **GEICO**.

Additional sponsorship opportunities are still available. For more information contact Corporate Relations Manager Valerie Saba at vsaba@arenastage.org or 202-600-4030.

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Arena Stage at the Mead Center for American Theater, under the leadership of Artistic Director Molly Smith and Executive Producer Edgar Dobie, is a national center dedicated to American voices and artists. Arena Stage produces plays of all that is passionate, profound, deep and dangerous in the American spirit, and presents diverse and ground-breaking work from some of the best artists around the country. Arena Stage is committed to commissioning and developing new plays through the American Voices New Play Institute. Arena Stage impacts the lives of thousands of students annually through its work in community engagement. Now in its seventh decade, Arena Stage serves a diverse annual audience of more than 300,000. arenastage.org.

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