

# ARENA STAGE MEDIA RELEASE

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ARENA STAGE KICKS OFF 2018/19 SEASON  
WITH FREE COMMUNITY DAY  
OPEN TO THE PUBLIC AND FUN FOR THE ENTIRE FAMILY  
SATURDAY, AUGUST 25, 2018

\*\*\* Community Day offers FREE activities for all ages, including live music, dance performances, storytelling, face painting, pet adoptions, great food and more \*\*\*

(Washington, D.C.) Arena Stage at the Mead Center for American Theater kicks off the company's 2018/19 season with a free **Community Day on Saturday, August 25, 2018 from 12 p.m. to 6 p.m. at the Mead Center (1101 Sixth St., SW)**. Featuring family-friendly activities for all ages, this full day of programming celebrates Arena Stage's music-infused 2018/19 season. Feel the rhythm of Southwest D.C. through dynamic live music, dance and storytelling performances that reflect the sounds and themes of the upcoming Arena Stage season. From Klezmer musicians that echo the sounds of the dance and music filled drama *Indecent*; to Diane Macklin, a storyteller sharing messages inspired by the a cappella musical *Jubilee*; with DanceSport performances based around the ballroom, social dance scene in *Anything Goes*; to Russian dancers reflective of the setting of the world-premiere political drama *Kleptocracy*; Community Day is FREE and open to the public. No reservations are required.

Scheduled activities include live music from Americana band "Justin Trawick and the Common Good," trumpeter/singer/lyricist Jared "MK Zulu" Bailey, singer/songwriter for young children Mr. Skip, authentic and acclaimed Klezmer musicians Machaya; dance performances from percussive dance artists SOLE Defined; storyteller Diane Macklin; face painting; great food from restaurants on The Wharf and in Southwest including Canopy Central by Canopy by Hilton, Del Mar by Fabio Trabocchi, Muze at the Mandarin Oriental, Masala Art, Station 4 and Richard's Place. The Humane Rescue Alliance's mobile adoption vehicle will be onsite with adoptable cats and dogs for attendees to meet, adopt and go home with a new best friend!

For additional details on the August 25 Community Day, visit [arenastage.org/communityday/](http://arenastage.org/communityday/).

To learn more about Arena Stage's 2018/19 season, visit [arenastage.org/tickets/season-landing/](http://arenastage.org/tickets/season-landing/).

**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, and impacts the lives of over 10,000 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](http://arenastage.org)

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