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ARENA STAGE ANNOUNCES 12TH SEMI-ANNUAL D.C. CAREER FAIR
IN PARTNERSHIP WITH D.C. COUNCILMEMBERS ALLEN, SILVERMAN AND WHITE,
DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT SERVICES
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2018

*** An innovative and collaborative effort focused on career opportunities
for job-ready residents with participation from nearly 50 organizations ***

(Washington, D.C.) Arena Stage at the Mead Center for American Theater, in partnership with Ward 6 Councilmember Charles Allen, At-Large Councilmember Elissa Silverman, At-Large Councilmember Robert C. White, Jr. and the D.C. Department of Employment Services, opens its doors for the 12th semi-annual D.C. Career Fair Friday, October 19, 2018 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Mead Center (1101 Sixth St., SW). Throughout the past five years, Arena Stage has partnered with more than 100 participating organizations and served a combined total of nearly 8,000 community members by hosting regular career fairs.

The October 19 event will commence with remarks at 9:00 a.m. by Executive Producer Edgar Dobie, who will introduce Charles Allen, Elissa Silverman and Robert White. Details about the Career Fair will be shared by Naomi Mitchell, from the Office of Councilmember Allen.

For additional information on the D.C. Career Fair visit arenastage.org/careerfair

“The first job fair we hosted had lines around the block and while now the market is much improved, we remain committed to opening our doors to the community and connecting employers with employees,” says Dobie. “I feel it’s an important aspect of Arena’s core values, to be part of the community in this way and be an active participant in helping people make better lives for themselves and their families.”

“As chair of the Council’s Committee on Labor and Workforce Development, I remain focused on how we build a strong jobs pipeline that serves our residents and businesses alike, matching companies, non-profits and government agencies with D.C. residents in living wage careers,” adds Silverman. “I’m thrilled to partner again with Arena Stage, Ward 6 Councilmember Charles Allen and At-Large Councilmember Robert White to host this event and connect our employers with qualified D.C. residents who are eager to work.”

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“I am excited to partner with Ward 6 Councilmember Charles Allen and At-Large Councilmember Elissa Silverman on the 12th semi-annual Career Fair,” **White** remarks. “This is a great opportunity for District residents seeking employment to meet with dozens of employers who are conducting interviews and ready to hire on the spot.”

“When we get job seekers and employers in the same room, good things happen for our residents and our businesses,” says **Allen**. “It’s been my honor to host the Ward 6 Job Fair with Arena Stage, along with my at-large colleagues Councilmember Elissa Silverman and Councilmember Robert White, as a way to help Ward 6 residents get connected to employers with job openings. Anytime someone lands an interview or a job on the spot, we ring a bell to share the hope and success. In my experience from running this job fair for many years, that bell will be ringing often.”

The employers who will be in attendance at the Career Fair include, but are not limited to, **DDOT; D.C. United; Insulators & Allied Workers Local 24; Incanto & The Channel/ Apartments at the Wharf; NFC Amenity Management, Concord Hotels; Wharf; IBEW/NECA Local 26; Admiral Security Services; Oasis Marinas; Complete Building Services; MPD; Strittmatter; Inter Solutions; WMATA; Kimpton Hotels; Levy Restaurants; Reston Limo; Holiday Inn Capitol; Midtown Group; InterContinental Washington D.C.; First Class Workforce Solutions; Bridge Point; and Entertainment Cruises.**

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

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