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MILITARY APPRECIATION NIGHT**

*****Arena Stage at the Mead Center for American Theater to honor military families with a complimentary dinner and evening performance of the musical *A Wrinkle in Time* on Friday, June 27*****

(Washington, DC) Arena Stage at the Mead Center for American Theater today announced the date and details of its annual **Military Appreciation Night**, a long-standing tradition created to honor military families across the Washington metropolitan area for their service and sacrifice on behalf of the nation. On **Friday, June 27, 2025**, Arena Stage is inviting 200 wounded warriors, service members, and their families to a complimentary dinner and evening performance of the world-premiere musical adaptation of the adored young adult novel ***A Wrinkle in Time***.

Established in 2011 and originally scheduled around the Thanksgiving holiday, Military Appreciation Night is a gratitude initiative that has now served more than 1,900 military members and their families. Working closely with Armed Services Arts Partnership, Access Housing, Luke's Wings, and USO to distribute tickets, Military Night is a special all-hands-on-deck community affair.

"The military community are a vital part of our Arena Stage community," said Arena Stage Executive Producer **Edgar Dobie**. "We are honored to welcome them to see *A Wrinkle in Time* and enjoy a night at the theater. I hope Military Appreciation Night helps our guests to feel our gratitude for their service."

The evening will begin at 6pm with a dinner catered by **Ridgewells Catering** featuring special remarks from the 78th Secretary of the Navy and Marine Corps **Carlos Del Toro**. Guests will also have the opportunity to win fun, family-friendly door prizes generously donated by local businesses and sister theaters across the area. At 8pm, guests will be escorted to Arena Stage's Kreeger Theater to enjoy a performance of **Lauren Yee** and **Heather Christian**'s interstellar musical adaptation of **Madeleine L'Engle's *A Wrinkle in Time***.

Military Night is generously sponsored by **Tiffeny Sanchez and Reg Brown**. Additional support is provided by **Exelon**. Special thanks to **Philippe Chow DC**.

We are proud to collaborate with **Access Housing, Armed Services Arts Partnership, Luke's Wings**, and **USO** as community partners for Military Appreciation Night.

Additional sponsorship opportunities are still available. For more information, please contact **Abigail Cady**, Associate Director of Institutional Communications, at acady@arenastage.org or 202-600-4050.

For additional details and updates about Military Appreciation Night, visit arenastage.org/militarynight2025.

About *A Wrinkle in Time*

Meg Murry's father was experimenting with time travel and the fifth dimension when he mysteriously disappeared. Now, Meg, her friend Calvin, and her younger brother Charles Wallace must race to rescue him. Can they outwit the forces of evil they will encounter on their heart-stopping journey through space? Join Meg on this epic quest in an adventurous new musical adaptation of Madeleine L'Engle's Newbery Medal-winning classic novel that will energize your spirit, expand your imagination, and inspire you to believe that love, friendship, and courage can conquer all.

The first racially integrated theater in our nation's capital and a pioneer of the regional theater movement, Arena Stage was founded in 1950 in Washington, D.C. Today, under the leadership of Artistic Director Hana S. Sharif and Executive Producer Edgar Dobie, Arena Stage at the Mead Center for American Theater is a national center dedicated to American voices and artists. We produce plays of all that is passionate, profound, deep, and dangerous in the American spirit, and present diverse and groundbreaking work from some of the best artists around the country. Consistently contributing to the American theatrical lexicon by commissioning and developing new plays, Arena Stage impacts the lives of over 10,000 students annually through its work in community engagement and serves a diverse annual audience of more than 300,000. arenastage.org

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