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Teen Summer Theater Camps Announced at Portland Center Stage.

May 19, 2011 – Portland Center Stage is proud to announce three exciting theater camps for teens! Let PCS introduce your teen to the confidence-building fun of learning performance skills in a stimulating, supportive environment. Perhaps your teen is a rising star who can use an entrée into the professional performing arts community through the city's flagship theater. Perhaps your teen is a novice performer who is looking for the chance to try out theater in a fun, supportive environment. Or maybe your teen is just a really big fan of *Glee* and is dying to sing his or her heart out! There is a PCS camp for every theater interest and experience level.

Session I: Advanced Acting and Audition

For students entering grades 11 & 12.

Dates: June 20 – July 1, Summer 2011

Monday through Friday, 9am to 4pm

Tuition: \$625

This intensive focuses on advanced character building, scene study, and relationship work. In addition, students will leave the intensive with the ultimate audition tools in their back pocket; two contrasting monologues and cold reading skills. Teens entering grades 9 & 10 may be considered for participation through application. Call 503-445-3795 for more information.

Session II: Musical Theater

For students entering grades 9-12.

Dates: July 25 – August 5, Summer, 2011

Monday through Friday, 9am to 4pm

Tuition: \$650

Experience the excitement and fun involved in creating musical theater. This two-week full day Musical Theater intensive is for all teens interested in becoming "triple threats". Working with professional musical theater performers, participants will explore all aspects of musical theater, including dance styles, vocal performance, and acting for the musical stage. The two week intensive will culminate with a presentation for friends and family.

Session III: Entrance to Professional Theater

For students entering grades 9-12.

Dates: August 8 – August 19, Summer 2011

Monday through Friday, 9am to 4pm

Tuition: \$625

This two-week, full-day camp is a comprehensive theater training program for youth desiring an intensive theater experience. Under the guidance of professional actors, directors, and designers, participants will explore all aspects of the professional contemporary stage including monologues, scene study, directing, playwriting, stage combat and stage craft. While this session is suitable for students new to theater, it is also an excellent building block for the ambitious teen wishing to develop stronger ties to the professional community. The Intensive culminates with a presentation for friends and family.

To enroll or for more information, email education@pcs.org or call Sarah Mitchell, Education & Community Programs Coordinator, at 503-445-3795.

PORTLAND CENTER STAGE inspires our community by bringing stories to life in unexpected ways. Established in 1988 as a branch of the Oregon Shakespeare Festival, PCS became an independent theater in 1994 and has been under the leadership of Artistic Director Chris Coleman since May 2000. The company presents a blend of classic, contemporary and original productions in a conscious effort to appeal to the eclectic palate of theatergoers in Portland. PCS also offers a variety of education and outreach programs for curious minds from six to 106, including discussions, classes, workshops and partnerships with organizations throughout the Portland metro area.

THE GERDING THEATER AT THE ARMORY houses a 599-seat Main Stage and the 200-seat black box Ellyn Bye Studio. It was the first building on the National Register of Historic Places, and the first performing arts venue, to achieve a LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) Platinum certification. The Gerding Theater at the Armory opened to the public on Oct. 1, 2006. The capital campaign to fund the renovation of this hub for community artistic activity continues.

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