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TWO WEEKS REMAIN FOR YOUNG PERFORMING ARTISTS TO REGISTER FOR AUDITIONS AT NJPAC’S ANNUAL YOUNG ARTIST TALENT SEARCH

APPLICATIONS ONLINE AT ARTSED.NJPAC.ORG

NEWARK, NJ (February 20, 2013) – Singers, musicians, dancers and actors from across the tri-state area can APPLY NOW to grow their talents through New Jersey Performing Arts Center’s intensive arts training programs. The Young Artist Talent Search, auditions for NJPAC’s summer and fall arts training programs, will be held on March 23 and 24, 2013 in NJPAC’s Center for Arts Education, 24 Rector Street, in Newark, N.J.

Applications and more detailed information may be obtained online at artsed.njpac.org, or by calling 973-353-8009. The application deadline is Friday, March 8, 2013.

The Young Artist Talent Search is made possible through the generosity of Bank of America. The weekend gives students the opportunity to audition for a multitude of arts training programs, as well as the chance to enjoy the fellowship of other young performing artists from across the state. Programs open for auditions include NJPAC’s Wells Fargo Jazz For Teens, the NJPAC Jeffrey Carollo Music Scholarship, the Summer Youth Performance Workshop, and the Young Artist Institute. Talent Search weekend also includes first round auditions for The Star-Ledger Scholarship for the Performing Arts.
“NJPAC’s arts education programs, taught by professional artists who regularly perform throughout New York and New Jersey, are some of the top training programs in the metro-area,” said John Schreiber, president and CEO of NJPAC. “We've see time and again how rigorous arts training teaches skills that increase student confidence, not only in the arts, but also in life. We encourage every young person who has an interest in arts training, whether they are beginners or already experienced, to apply.”

"The Young Artist Talent Search opens a door for youth to get engaged in the arts in a creative way, setting a foundation for their future," said Bob Doherty, New Jersey president, Bank of America. "Our continued support of NJPAC is an acknowledgement of the incredible work they do, and the power of arts as an economic driver and vehicle for social change.”

PROGRAM DESCRIPTIONS:

*The Star-Ledger* Scholarship for the Performing Arts

This is a tuition scholarship awarded to college-bound Newark high school seniors on the basis of artistic talent, academic potential and financial need. Four scholarships are given to Newark high school seniors as financial assistance for a degree program at an accredited undergraduate institution. One student is designated a “Scholar Intern” and receives a $10,000 scholarship each year for four years (for a total of $40,000) and an NJPAC internship. Three additional students, designated as “Scholars,” receive a $5,000 scholarship each per year for four years (for a total of $20,000 each).

This program is sponsored by John and Suzanne Willian through Goldman Sachs Gives. “We believe that investing in the potential of Newark students in collaboration with the New Jersey Performing Arts Center will help give these youths the opportunity to better succeed, academically and artistically, even after college,” said John Willian, Managing Director at Goldman Sachs. “We are pleased that this gift for scholarships from Goldman Sachs Gives will allow these very talented students to continue pursuing their interests in the arts at the college level. For Suzanne and me, it has been rewarding to partner alongside the NJPAC in this meaningful work.”
NJPAC’s Wells Fargo Jazz For Teens
Aspiring young musicians – both instrumentalists and vocalists – experience the excitement and spontaneity of jazz. Students learn from master professional musicians and explore the history and styles of jazz through classwork and performances. The program was created in conjunction with WBGO Jazz 88.3, New Jersey’s premiere jazz radio station. Renowned jazz saxophonist Don Braden is the music director.

The NJPAC/Jeffrey Carollo Music Scholarship at Newark School of the Arts
This award is made possible through a fund established in 1997 at the behest of Mr. And Mrs. Nicholas Carollo, in honor of their late son Jeffrey, a gifted musician. The award for instrumentalists and vocalists provides high quality classical music instruction for selected students through comprehensive training at the Newark School of the Arts (NSA). NSA, founded in 1968, is a community-based organization committed to providing access to sequential, comprehensive arts education and performance opportunities.

Summer Youth Performance Workshop
This five day-a-week, five-week summer program provides budding young singers, actors and modern dancers, ages 13-18, a unique opportunity to study with top professionals. Participants selected for the program will take daily classes in their chosen artistic discipline, augmented with weekly Master Classes taught by select industry professionals. They then perform a fully produced final showcase at the program’s conclusion.

Young Artist Institute
This after-school program provides a supportive environment in which to study the performing arts. Students take classes in a professional environment that inspires them to reach higher artistic goals. Training in acting, jazz (instrumental), ballet, modern and hip-hop dance, musical theater and vocal music.

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