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New Stage Theatre Announces Educator's Night

JACKSON, Miss.—New Stage Theatre, a professional theatre located in Jackson, Mississippi, will have a free Educator's Night on Thursday, October 25, 2018. This evening includes previews of our 2018-19 Education tours, a presentation on workshop and residency options, and free tickets to that evening's performance of *Diary of Anne Frank*. The event will begin at 4:30 p.m. in the Hewes Room at New Stage Theatre.

Come to New Stage Thursday, October 25 at 4:30 p.m. for a preview of this season's touring shows! Teachers will be treated to a scene from *Pinocchio* and *If Not Us, Then Who?* as well as a brief presentation from Education Director Sharon Miles on workshop and residency options we can bring to your school! A fun and informative evening is guaranteed. For reservations for the free preview performance, call the arts in education department at 601-948-3533, ext. 232.

New Stage Theatre is a professional not-for-profit theatre. New Stage Theatre's Arts-in-Education tours are supported, in part, by Entergy, the Chisholm Foundation, the Selby and Richard McRae Foundation, and the Fountain Family Foundation

This season, New Stage will present *If Not Us, Then Who? Freedom Rides to Freedom Summer* and *Pinocchio* as touring productions. Both shows will be performed for Mississippi schools by the professional apprentice company, a racially diverse company of four young actors who have recently graduated from college with degrees in theatre – Cherry Rendel, Hayden Shubert, Sarah Coleman and Jordan Williams.

New Stage has a strong reputation for presenting quality performances and has been touring successfully to high school and middle schools since 1990. The tours travel throughout the state, from Clarksdale to Tate County to Gautier and most of the public school districts New Stage visits are to underserved audiences. In the 2017-2018 season, the professional apprentice company performed *Jumping Frog*, *Julius Caesar* and *Oh Freedom!* to 57 schools.

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New Stage Theatre was chartered as a not-for-profit organization in 1965, producing its initial season in the winter/spring of 1966. Founded by Jane Reid-Petty with the assistance of the American National Theatre Academy and Actor's Equity Association, dedication to professional excellence in theatre arts was part of the theatre's original mission. New Stage's education department was founded in 1989 and received the Governor's Award for Excellence in the Arts in 1995 for its efforts to introduce tens of thousands of young Mississippians to live theatre.

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