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Students Awarded Scholarship To New Stage Theatre Day Camp

JACKSON—New Stage Theatre announces its Broadway Junior Summer Camp Intensive for rising 5th – 11th grades culminating in performances of *Legally Blonde, Jr.* Eleven full tuition scholarships were awarded helping Mississippi students attend the camp who would otherwise not have a chance. Scholarships were based on an audition, letters of recommendation and an essay written by the potential recipient.

Students receiving scholarships to attend the 2015 Broadway Junior Summer Camp Intensive are: Tykayla Barnes (Jackson), Justin Bell (Jackson), Jabarrie Evans (Jackson) Darby Frost (Jackson), Nina Frost (Jackson) Elijah Mangum (Florence), Max Nelson (Brandon), Avery Neyland (Pearl), Reese Overstreet (Jackson), Tamia Patterson (Brandon), Ben Sanders (Pearl), and Lanae Williams (Clinton).

The New Stage Theatre Arts-in-Education department strives to bring professional, progressive acting instruction to youth throughout Mississippi with its summer camps, yearlong acting classes and touring workshops. The Broadway Junior Summer Camp Intensive provides a comprehensive theatrical learning experience for ages 11-18.

“Education is an integral part of our organization’s mission and the Broadway Junior camp is one of the most exciting times around the theatre,” said artistic director Francine Thomas Reynolds. “It is awesome to witness seventy young people from both private and public schools; from so many of the Metro area communities, participating in dance, voice, acting and stagecraft classes together. Not only are the students experiencing the best theatre education and training available in the state of Mississippi, they are learning important life-long skills such as problem-solving, self-confidence and teamwork.”

Generous sponsorship for the summer program and the production is provided by The Walker Foundation, the Field Co-Operative, Inc., the Greater Jackson Arts Council, and the C-Spire Foundation,

From June 15 to July 12, 2015, campers will receive daily instruction in acting from experienced acting, dance, and voice teachers, as well as taking master classes in stage combat, voice/diction, directing, sound design, storytelling and mask making. Additionally, the students will integrate what they learn in the classroom into the final production of *Legally Blonde, Jr.* The performances are July 9 -12 at New Stage Theatre and all participants in the camp are cast in the play.

Registration for the camp is open until June 10, 2015. Students currently enrolled in 5th through 11th grades in the 2014-15 school year can participate the Broadway Jr. Summer Camp Intensive June 15 through July 12, Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The cost is \$475. Space is limited and participants are admitted on a first come, first served basis. Registration forms can be found on the theatre’s website www.newstagetheatre.com. For more information on the New Stage Theatre Education Programs, please contact Education Director Chris Roebuck at (601) 948-3533 ext 232 or education@newstagetheatre.com.

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