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CENTER THEATRE GROUP PRESENTS "COLLEGE & CAREER FAIR FOR THE ARTS" SATURDAY, APRIL 22, 2017, AT THE MUSIC CENTER ANNEX

Free Workshops, College Counseling and More Offered to High School Students

Center Theatre Group invites current high school students, parents and teachers to attend the second annual "College & Career Fair for the Arts" on Saturday, April 22, 2017, from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at The Music Center Annex located at 601 W. Temple St. in Downtown L.A. Center Theatre Group will also be hosting the previously announced "Going Pro Career Fair" for college and university students on Saturday, April 8, 2017, at East Los Angeles College. Both events will give students the opportunity to explore education and career opportunities in the arts.

Center Theatre Group's "College & Career Fair for the Arts" is intended to help students navigate the transition from high school to college, and learn more about careers in the arts. More than 30 colleges, universities and organizations will be in attendance including the University of Southern California (USC), the University of California Los Angeles (UCLA), the Wallis Annenberg Center for the Performing Arts, Fashion Careers International and more. The fair will include free workshops, a food truck with free lunch (12 to 2 p.m.) and opportunities for one-on-one college counseling and personal statement help.

The free workshops will give students the opportunity to learn about the college application process and what admissions staff are looking for; the FAFSA (Federal Application for Student Aid), student loans, scholarships and financial aid; and hear from professional theatre artists across the field, from designers to actors. Workshops are open to students only.

The schedule for the free workshops is as follows:

10 a.m. Applying for College

11 a.m. Paying for College

Ask Me Anything Workshops:

1:30 pm. Design, Tech & Stage Management

• 2:15 p.m. Acting

• 3 p.m. What should I major in?

3:45 p.m.
How do you find work as a theatre artist?

The "College & Career Fair for the Arts" and "Going Pro Career Fair" are presented by Center Theatre Group's Education and Community Partnerships department. Currently one of the most active theatre education programs in the country, Education and Community Partnerships has reached more than 18,000 students, teachers and community members throughout Southern California in the 2015-2016 season. To stay informed about Center Theatre Group's latest offerings, students ages 13 to 23 can sign up for the Student Body mailing list. Student Body members hear about free workshops, specially priced ticket offers and chances to mingle with peers at events designed for, by and about the next generation.

Center Theatre Group, one of the nation's preeminent arts and cultural organizations, is Los Angeles' leading nonprofit theatre company, programming seasons at the 736-seat Mark Taper Forum and 1600 to 2000-seat Ahmanson Theatre at The Music Center in Downtown Los Angeles, and the 317-seat Kirk Douglas Theatre in Culver City. In addition to presenting and producing the broadest range of theatrical entertainment in the country, Center Theatre Group is one of the nation's leading producers of ambitious new works through commissions and world premiere productions and a leader in interactive community engagement and education programs that reach across generations, demographics and circumstance to serve Los Angeles.

To RSVP to Center Theatre Group's "College & Career Fair for the Arts," students should email StudentBody@CTGLA.org with the following information: the student's full name, grade and school; which discussions they would like to attend; and if they are interested in participating in a 20-minute session with a college counselor or personal statement expert. Those who RSVP in advance will receive a free gift upon entry. For more information about Center Theatre Group's "College & Career Fair for the Arts," the "Going Pro Career Fair" and other upcoming student events, please visit https://www.centertheatregroup.org/programs/students-and-educators/teen-and-college-initiatives/upcoming-student-events/.