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**CENTER THEATRE GROUP HOSTS
FREE COLLEGE & CAREER FAIR FOR THE ARTS MARCH 17
Workshops and More Offered to High School Students**

Center Theatre Group invites current high school students, parents and teachers to attend the third annual **College & Career Fair for the Arts** on March 17, 2018, from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. The fair is free to attend and will take place at the Music Center Annex located at 601 W. Temple St. in Downtown L.A.

More than 25 local colleges, universities and community organizations will be in attendance, including USC, UCLA, Pepperdine and Emerson College. The fair will also feature opportunities for students to meet with working theatre professionals (playwrights, actors, designers and directors), receive one-on-one college counseling and attend free workshops. There will also be a free food truck from noon to 2 p.m.

Guests are welcome to stop by at any point during the fair; however, students are advised to RSVP in advance for a chance to have free headshots taken (available to the first 100 students who register and attend).

Workshops are available to students only (except “College Financing for Parents of Artists”). The first workshop is “Applying for College” at 10 a.m., which will focus on what college admissions staff are looking for as well as when and how to submit applications. The second and third workshops – “Paying for College: Student Workshop” and “College Financing for Parents of Artists” (both at 11 a.m.) – offer students and parents, respectively, information about Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), student loans, preparing applications, scholarships and financial aid. The fourth workshop at 1:30 p.m. is called “Choosing an Audition Monologue” and focuses on what students need to know about finding the ideal audition monologue for colleges, summer programs or professional theatre. The final workshop at 3 p.m. “Mapping Your Goals, Visions and Dreams” is a creative and interactive workshop offering students the tools they need to plan their ideal college and career experience.

“Los Angeles is a great city for theatre with so many resources for young artists,” said Director of Education and Engagement Tyrone Davis. “Center Theatre Group is thrilled to connect students with colleges, universities, organizations and experienced professionals that will help them take the next step towards becoming theatre-makers and leaders.”

To RSVP, students can visit www.CenterTheatreGroup.org/CollegeFair through Thursday, March 15 at 5 p.m.

The College and Career Fair for the Arts is led by the Center Theatre Group Education and Community Partnerships Department. One of the most active theatre education programs in the country, Education and Community Partnerships reached roughly 34,000

students, teachers, patrons and community members throughout Southern California in the 2016-2017 season.

Center Theatre Group, one of the nation's preeminent arts and cultural organizations, is Los Angeles' leading nonprofit theatre company, which, under Artistic Director Michael Ritchie, programs 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.

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