

McCarter THEATRE CENTER

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McCARTER THEATRE CENTER RECEIVES \$50,000 COMMUNITY IMPACT GRANT



Princeton, NJ – January 19, 2018: McCarter Theatre Center has received a \$50,000 Community Impact Grant from the **Princeton Area Community Foundation** for its ongoing Arts Integrated Education Program in Trenton Public Schools.

This significant grant will support McCarter's ongoing partnership with the Trenton Public Schools as it continues to establish forward thinking models of arts integration and education to bolster students' overall academic and social performance. Hundreds of students in six Trenton schools each year have direct contact with a McCarter program or in-school residency, which builds on standard social studies and language arts curriculum by infusing both with arts-based learning skills.

"With our Community Impact Grants we support an array of excellent programs throughout our region," said Jeffrey M. Vega, President & CEO of the Community Foundation. "We believe in arts education because it can transform young lives. We're glad McCarter is among the organizations providing opportunities for young people in this region."

Erica Nagel, McCarter's Director of Education and Engagement said: "This generous grant from the Princeton Area Community Foundation will allow McCarter to significantly expand its relationship with the Trenton Public Schools. In particular, these funds will allow us to deepen existing partnerships by increasing considerably the hours and days the artists spend interacting directly with students. It is our honor to work closely with the Trenton Public School District, which has a strong and admirable commitment to increasing high quality arts education opportunities for all its students."

About The Princeton Area Community Foundation

The Princeton Area Community Foundation is a public charity serving central New Jersey. The Foundation enables individuals, families, businesses, and organizations to create permanent charitable funds that help their communities meet the challenges of changing times. The Foundation awards grants and scholarships, providing an array of services to promote philanthropy and support the local nonprofit sector. The Community Foundation is overseen by a board of community leaders and a professional staff who are committed to improving the quality of life throughout the greater Mercer County region—and who strive to uphold the organization's "five values": generous, fair, creative, courageous, and lasting.

About McCarter Theatre Center

Under the leadership of Artistic Director Emily Mann, McCarter Theatre Center is recognized as one of the nation's premier theater companies. Renowned for major contributions to the theatrical canon, McCarter premieres include such works as Christopher Durang's *Vanya and Sonia and Masha and Spike* (winner of the 2013 Tony Award® for Best Play) and McCarter was honored in 1994 with the Regional Theatre Tony Award®. Thanks to the efforts of Special Programming Director William W. Lockwood, McCarter Theatre Center is also a premier presenter of artists renowned around the world and across genres as varied as dance, classical, pop, jazz, performance art, comedy, magic, children's theatre, and much more.

McCarter is supported by the New Jersey State Council on the Arts, Princeton University, and over 2,000 individuals, corporations, community leaders, and foundations. For more info visit www.mccarter.org.

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