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ARIZONA THEATRE COMPANY LAUNCHES ATC TEEN PROGRAM IN PHOENIX

Masterclasses in Acting, Voice, Dance, Playwriting and Improv Workshops Planned

PHOENIX, Ariz. (Aug. 30, 2019): The Arizona Theatre Company (Sean Daniels, Artistic Director; Billy Russo, Managing Director) Learning and Education Department is launching **ATC Teen** in Phoenix, a learner-driven theatre education program that provides quality experiential opportunities that enable students to explore their own unique passions.

ATC Teen's free masterclasses and improv workshops are taught by professionals in their respective fields leading up to mainstage show events and improv shows open to the public. Classes are drop-in friendly.

"ATC Teen offers a tremendous opportunity for teenagers from 13 to 19 to curate their own educational experiences by choosing from a variety of classes and activities or even designing their own projects," said ATC Director of Learning and Education Jasmine Roth.

An informational and sign-up meeting is scheduled Saturday, Sept. 14 from noon to 2 p.m. in the Arizona Opera lobby, 1636 N. Central Ave. in Phoenix. Snacks will be provided. All classes will be held at the Arizona Opera offices. ATC Phoenix operations,

other than the box office, are located in the same building. To RSVP for the informational meeting, email msutton@arizonatheatre.org.

Weekly improv workshops from 6-7:30 p.m. begin Monday, Sept. 16 and are scheduled through December. Monthly masterclasses begin Saturday, Sept. 29 from 1:30-3:30 p.m. Classes may include acting, voice, dance and movement, and playwriting.

A complete schedule is being developed and can be found at www.arizonatheatre.org.

ATC Teen mainstage show events featuring student-written plays are planned in conjunction with ATC's 2019-2020 productions of **The Royale** on Oct. 5 and **Silent Sky** on Nov. 16 at the Herberger Theater Center, 222 E. Monroe.

Additional classes will be scheduled throughout the year, Roth said.

For questions and information, contact msutton@arizonatheatre.org. To register for **ATC Teen**, visit <https://arizonatheatre.org/for-students>.

For more information about Arizona Theatre Company, visit www.arizonatheatre.org.

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About Arizona Theatre Company:

Under new leadership, and now celebrating its 53rd-season, Arizona Theatre Company is truly "The State Theatre." Our company boasts the largest subscriber base of any performing arts organization in Arizona, with more than 130,000 people each year attending performances at the historic Temple of Music and Art in Tucson, and the elegant Herberger Theater Center in downtown Phoenix. Each season of high quality productions reflects the rich variety of world theatre – from classic to contemporary plays, from musicals to new works – audiences enjoy the rich emotional experience and joy that can only be captured through live theatre. ATC is the preeminent professional theatre in the state of Arizona. Under the direction of Artistic Director Sean Daniels and Managing Director Billy Russo, ATC operates in two cities – unlike any other League of Resident Theaters (LORT) company in the country. ATC shares the passion of the theatre through a wide array of outreach programs, educational opportunities, access initiatives, and community events. With more than 700 Education & Engagement activities through the schools and summer programs, ATC focuses on teaching Arizona's youth about the creative power of dramatic literature and how it can enrich their own lives in multiple ways. ATC reaches far beyond the metropolitan areas of Tucson and Phoenix, enriching the theatre learning experience for current and future audiences. For more information, visit www.arizonatheatre.org.