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WORK WITH ACTORS AND GRIEF COUNSELORS

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What is Voices of Now?

Voices of Now: Wendt Center Ensemble is a free drama and writing ensemble for teenagers who have experienced a loss provided by Arena Stage, D.C.'s oldest, largest producing theater, The Wendt Center for Loss and Healing. Voices of Now ensemble members will learn the tools of theater performance, such as movement, vocal expression and collaboration, by meeting and rehearsing weekly and ultimately participating in the Voices of Now Festival in May. Ensemble members work with professional actors, directors and grief counselors to write an original play and explore their personal experience with grief.

When is Voices of Now?

The Voices of Now: Wendt Center Ensemble will meet Mondays January 9 through May 14. Rehearsals are from 6-8 p.m. The Ensemble will rehearse and perform at Arena Stage at the Mead Center for American Theater. No experience is required.

Where is Voices of Now?

The Ensemble rehearsals and performance take place at Arena Stage at 1101 Sixth Street Southwest, Washington, DC 20024 (The corner of 6th and Maine SW, one block west of the Waterfront metro station). Metered parking is located around the theater and paid lot parking is available at Arena Stage and other nearby facilities.

How Do I Sign Up for Voices of Now?

No audition necessary, but a short interview for readiness and appropriateness must be scheduled. All interviews will be scheduled through the Wendt Center. Fill out the attached form; a parent/guardian signature is required. Return the completed form to the Wendt Center.

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Why Should I Sign Up for Voices of Now?

"Voices of Now brought out the actor and writer in me that I didn't know I had. I hope to find another new level of self confidence with being in front of a crowd."

– Ashley Hughes, former Voices of Now member

APPLICATION

NAME _____ GRADE _____

SCHOOL _____

HOME ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP CODE _____

HOME PHONE _____ CELL _____

E-MAIL _____

GRIEF COUNSELOR (if any) _____ CONTACT NUMBER _____

NAME OF PARENT/GUARDIAN _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN E-MAIL _____

ADDITIONAL PARENT/GUARDIAN PHONE NUMBER _____

SCHEDULE OF REHEARSALS

Mondays: January 9 through May 14 from 6-8 p.m.

Sunday, May 13: Performance Time TBD

Would you be able to attend all workshops and rehearsals? _____

Please list any conflicts you have with the Saturday rehearsal schedule: _____

INFORMATION

Name of the person who died: _____

Your relationship to that person: _____

When did they die? _____

How did they die? _____

What has it been like for you? _____

Why would you like to participate in Voices of Now? _____

Yes, I would like to be in Arena Stage's Voices of Now: Wendt Center Ensemble.

I understand that my attendance at rehearsals and the performance is mandatory.

Participant's Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date