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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

Traveling Players Receives National Endowment for the Arts Grant for Superior Arts Education



Tyson, Virginia—**Traveling Players Ensemble** is awarded \$10,000 by the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) Art Works Projects to support their innovative summer acting camps & conservatories. For 19 years, Traveling Players has been a leader in theatrical education, offering artistic challenges unlike any other pre-college theatre program in the nation. Previously recognized by the NEA as 1 of 25 Summer Schools for the Arts, Traveling Players is considered a model for comprehensive and intensive summer curricula.

Traveling Players summer camps & conservatories are among the more than 1,100 projects across America totaling nearly \$27 million that were selected during this second round of Grants for Arts Projects fiscal year 2021 funding. “As the country and the arts sector begin to imagine returning to a post-pandemic world, the National Endowment for the Arts is proud to announce funding that will help arts organizations such as Traveling Players reengage fully with partners and audiences,” said NEA Acting Chairman Ann Eilers.

“The NEA understands the impact the arts play in a child's development, setting them up for a lifetime of success,” said Traveling Players’ Artistic Director Jeanne E. Harrison. “We are overjoyed to be recognized for our educational work.”

Traveling Players recognizes that the cost of professional-level training and drama summer camps can be tough on many families. That’s why Traveling Players is proud to offer the most generous scholarship program in the region, with no annual or lifetime caps. Traveling Players has earmarked the entirety of the \$10,000 NEA grant for scholarships. This grant will pay a quarter of the \$40,000 that have already been awarded for summer scholarships, a \$15,000 increase over last summer’s awarded scholarships. If you would like to support their efforts in providing superlative theatrical education to underserved youth, visit travelingplayers.org/donate.

For more information on the projects included in the Arts Endowment grant announcement, visit [arts.gov/news](https://www.arts.gov/news).

For more information, visit travelingplayers.org or call 703-987-1712

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Additional Information About Traveling Players Summer Camps & Conservatoires

In response to the pandemic, Traveling Players has turned their award-winning day camp into a sleep away program. In residence at Camp Highroad in Middleburg VA, students at Traveling Players live and work in small, dedicated ensembles of 13 performers led by professional directors. With a 1:4 faculty to student ratio, every young actor receives individualized attention and customized training.

It is not too late to get involved this summer. The final round of auditions for their advanced conservatory programs (grades 4-12) are this coming weekend, May 15 & 16. Students in grades 4-8 can elect to skip the audition and just register for camp. Each ensemble culminates in a public performance.

In an effort to help get more children vaccinated, Traveling Players is hosting a [Vaccination Celebration & Open House](#), this Saturday, May 15, from 10-3 pm at their Studio in Tysons Corner Center. Eligible campers and their parents can get the vaccine at the Tysons Corner Center Mass Vaccination Clinic before stopping by the Traveling Players Studio for games and prizes.

About Traveling Players Ensemble

Called “A little know summer gem” by *The Washington Post*, Traveling Players is dedicated to training students (grades 3-12) in theatre. Traveling Players programs offer expert training in acting, character creation, physical comedy, stage combat, improvisation, and text analysis.

The ensemble ethos that permeates Traveling Players means that everyone is essential to the show. The actors also assume technical roles while in performance, and the dual responsibilities students take on allow them to become more bold and resilient artists and individuals.

With the mission to bring great theatre into the great outdoors, Traveling Players student actors take the show on the road by bus and backpack, sharing classics to audiences from Tysons Plaza to Skyline Drive to Colonial Williamsburg. During the school year, Traveling Players offers classes and performances at their [Studio](#) in Tysons Corner Center.

Traveling Players Ensemble is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit charitable organization, incorporated in 2003.

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