The @bway_dreams summer intensive returns to Philadelphia Aug. 6-14, bringing the best of #Broadway to coach students of all ages

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BROADWAY DREAMS CELEBRATES ITS 10TH ANNIVERSARY SEASON AT PHILADELPHIA’S KIMMEL CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS AUGUST 6 – 14, 2016

GENERATION

CELEBRATING 10 YEARS OF BROADWAY DREAMS

TWO PERFORMANCES ONLY SATURDAY, AUGUST 13, 2015 AT 3 PM AND 8 PM

BDF OFFERS HIGHLY PERSONALIZED TRAINING AND MENTORING THROUGH FUN AND UNIQUE INTENSIVES WITH TOP BROADWAY PROFESSIONALS

NEW YORK, NY (Thursday, July 28, 2016) – Broadway Dreams Foundation (BDF) will celebrate its 10th Anniversary with exciting new programming and expanded international destinations, including Russia and Brazil. The 2016 Summer Tour, GENERATION, will make a stop at Philadelphia’s Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts, August 6 – 14, 2016. In each location, the premier non-profit performing arts training program will present an incredible roster of Broadway directors, performers, and industry insiders who will offer highly personalized musical theatre training and mentoring through unique, week-long performing arts intensive workshops for students of all ages, skill levels, and socio-economic backgrounds.

“This year, as BDF celebrates its 10th year of programming, we will shatter all expectations and make dreams come true in a record number of cities and countries,” said BDF Executive Director Annette Tanner. “Earlier this year we participated in a historic collaboration with the U.S. Embassy, Stage
Entertainment and Broadway Moscow to offer a first-of-its-kind Broadway intensive in Moscow. We recently shared our unique brand of programming with 70 aspiring performers in Brazil, and we’re currently in the middle of our eight-city summer tour. In addition, we’re proud to announce that we have now landed roles for over 100 BDF students in Broadway shows or National Tours. If there is anyone who hasn’t heard of BDF yet, I guarantee they will if they are serious about this business.”

“An important part of the Kimmel Center mission is to help cultivate and inspire talented, young arts lovers,” said Anne Ewers, President & CEO of the Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts. “We are proud to present this summer intensive program in partnership with the Broadway Dreams Foundation to give unparalleled opportunities to a new generation of Philadelphia artists.”

The Broadway Dreams team will carry their cultural innovation and excitement into its Philadelphia Intensive, which they’ll host for the 9th time, this summer. During each BDF Summer Intensive, attendees receive first-rate training in acting, dance and vocal technique before performing alongside their Broadway idols in a dynamic concert directed by one of the industry’s finest directors.

In Philadelphia, performances of GENERAT10N will take place on Saturday, August 13, 2016 at 3 p.m. and 8 p.m. at the Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts’ Perelman Theater (300 South Broad Street, Philadelphia). Tickets are $22 - $125 and are available by calling 215-893-1999, online at kimmelcenter.org, at the Kimmel Center box office, Broad & Spruce Streets (open daily 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., later on performance evenings). The performance will feature talented BDF Philadelphia students performing alongside Broadway stars, including Alex Newell, Morgan James, Deidre Goodwin, Christopher J. Hanke, Nick Adams, and more.

BDF takes great pride in guiding students through their professional journey as young artists, giving them the tools, support and industry connections they need to succeed. Over the past several years, over 100 BDF students have landed roles in Broadway, national touring and regional productions. BDF students can currently be seen in the 2016 Tony Award-winning productions of Hamilton and Waitress.

The 2016 BDF teaching faculty in Philadelphia will include Nick Adams (Wicked), acclaimed NYC director Stafford Arima (Allegiance), Craig D’Amico (Fiddler on the Roof), Deidre Goodwin (Chicago), “Devious Maids” star and Broadway vet Christopher J. Hanke (How to Succeed...), top NYC casting director Rachel Hoffman, recording artist and Broadway vet Morgan James (Motown), Laurie Kanyok (Come Fly Away), Tony Award nominated director / choreographer Dan Knechtges (Xanadu), Emmy Award-nominated choreographer and Broadway vet Spencer Liff (Hedwig and the Angry Inch), Mark Myars (Wicked), “Glee’s” Alex Newell, BDF alumni Ryann Redmond (If/Then), director / choreographer for film, television and stage Otis Sallid (Black Nativity), composer Matthew Lee Robinson, Matthew Scott (Jersey Boys), and acclaimed regional director Alan Souza.

Philadelphia students will have the unique opportunity to participate in BDF University, an exclusive workshop devoted to mastering the college audition process. Students will work with and get to know a variety of representatives from top musical theatre schools across the country.

The Broadway Dreams Foundation is a premier, national performing arts education program dedicated to ongoing engagement, inspiration, and access regardless of a student’s ability to pay tuition. With a faculty of Broadway stars, directors and agents committed to giving back to the theatrical community, BDF provides invaluable training to anyone who aspires for a career in the performing arts. The unique program offers students highly personalized and supportive mentorship, an exciting, and collaborative learning environment and ongoing networking to build confidence and life skills. The Broadway Dreams Foundation provides a life changing experience. In 2015, 42% of all
BDF students participated on full or partial scholarship. Financial need based scholarships are available in all cities.

To apply, please visit: www.broadwaydreams.org.

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About The Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts
Located in the heart of Center City, Philadelphia, The Kimmel Center’s mission is to operate a world-class performing arts center that engages and serves a broad audience through diverse programming, arts education, and community outreach. The Kimmel Center campus is comprised of the Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts (Verizon Hall, Perelman Theater, SEI Innovation Studio, and the Merck Arts Education Center), the Academy of Music (owned by the Philadelphia Orchestra Association), and the University of the Arts’ Merriam Theater. The Kimmel Center is also home to eight Resident Companies: The Philadelphia Orchestra, Opera Philadelphia, The Pennsylvania Ballet, The Philly Pops, PHILADANCO, The Chamber Orchestra of Philadelphia, The Philadelphia Chamber Music Society and Curtis Institute of Music. TD Bank, America’s Most Convenient Bank, is the season sponsor of the Kimmel Center’s 2016-2017 Season. American Airlines is the official airline of Broadway Philadelphia. For additional information, visit kimmelcenter.org.

REMAINING “GENERATION” TOUR DATES

NEW YORK, NY
A brand new BDF location for NYC-area students.
Tuition Cost: $1,175

CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA
July 31 – August 5, 2016
The first-ever weeklong Intensive in one of BDF’s favorite cities.
Tuition Cost: $795

PHILADELPHIA, PA
August 6 – 7, 2016
The first-ever Acting Intensive is a great warm-up to the city’s weeklong Intensive.
Tuition Cost: $350

August 6 – 14 2016
BDF’s traditional weeklong intensive in the most popular BDF city. Philadelphia will feature the annual BDF University college panel.
Tuition Cost: $1,075

TORONTO, CANADA
August 21 – 27, 2016
BDF’s return to Sheridan College with on-campus housing opportunities.
Tuition Cost: $715

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