

**The Wallis and the Broadway Dreams Foundation Partner to  
Present Annual Summer Intensive for Aspiring Musical Theater Artists  
in Los Angeles**

*Registration Now Open for Weeklong Session, June 19 - 26*

(Beverly Hills, CA March 14) The Wallis Annenberg Center for the Performing Arts in Beverly Hills has forged a partnership with the Broadway Dreams Foundation to present “GENERAT1ON: The 2016 Summer Intensive Tour” for aspiring musical theater artists from the Los Angeles region from June 19 – 26. The annual weeklong summer intensive at The Wallis invites future stars of the stage to embark on a rigorous week of Broadway-caliber training learning from the brightest and best industry professionals. The intensive culminates in a public concert event that brings together students and their mentors on the stage of the Bram Goldsmith Theater in a performance directed by one of the industry’s finest directors. Ticket information for the public performance is forthcoming.

“We relish the opportunity to celebrate the musical theater art form,” said Mark Slavkin, Director of Education at The Wallis. “This partnership with Broadway Dreams will help cultivate the next generation of musical theater talent. Our focus will be on outreach to underserved communities, where talented youth may not have had access to this level of training.” The Wallis presents professional musical theater productions and has offered a course for teens to create original musicals, but has yet to offer performance training in musical theater. In addition to the summer intensive, The Wallis and the Broadway Dreams Foundation plan to collaborate on additional musical theater classes and workshops at The Wallis throughout the year, including a master class with legendary artist Patti LuPone on March 31, 2016

“We were thrilled to offer our summer intensive at The Wallis in 2015 and are excited to develop this ongoing partnership,” said Annette Tanner, Executive Director at Broadway Dreams Foundation.

“GENERAT1ON: The 2016 Summer Intensive Tour” features various weeklong sessions of classes across multiple cities in the U.S. offering first-rate training in acting, dance and vocal performances taught by Broadway performers, directors, and casting directors. Los Angeles-area students of any age will have the opportunity to work with an incredible roster of Broadway professionals. Past participants have included star of stage and screen **Taye Diggs** (“Private Practice,” *Rent*, *Hedwig and the Angry Inch*); choreographer **Spencer Liff** (*Hedwig and the Angry Inch*, “So You Think Can Dance”); Olivier Award-nominated director **Stafford Arima** (*Allegiance*, *Carrie*); **Nick Adams** (*La Cage aux Folles*); **Kyle Brown** (*Priscilla Queen of the Desert*); Broadway Dreams Education Director **Craig D’Amico** (*Annie Get Your Gun*); **Jenny Parsinen** (*Allegiance*); Tesley + Company casting director **Rachel Hoffman**; Broadway musician **Craig Johnson** (*Something Rotten*); Iggy Azalea’s choreographer **Victor M. Jackson, III**; **Nicole Parker** (“MadTV,” *Wicked*); Broadway Dreams Alum **Ari Groover** (*Holler If Ya Hear Me*) and more.

More than 100 BDF Summer Intensive students have gone on to book Broadway, Off-Broadway, National Tours or High-Profile Regional Theatre roles, including roles in such productions as *Book of Mormon*, *Bring It On: The Musical*, *Evita*, *Memphis*, *Spring Awakening*, *The Addams Family* and more.

Registration and applications for scholarships are now open. Entry into the Broadway Dreams Foundation is by audition only. Auditions for the Los Angeles session will be held on Friday, April 1 from 4:00pm – 7:00pm at The Wallis and is open to anyone who is planning on registering or has registered for the BDF Summer Intensive program. Artists of all ages are welcome, from students to adults. Pricing varies depending on city. More information about registration, pricing and the audition process can be found at [mybroadwaydreams.com/register](http://mybroadwaydreams.com/register).

The partnership with the Broadway Dreams Foundation signifies yet another aspect of GRoW @ The Wallis, the center's arts education program. For more information about education initiatives offered at The Wallis, please visit [TheWallis.org/Education](http://TheWallis.org/Education).

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