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LAEF Partners with Los Al USD Directors for Summer Arts Camps

(Los Alamitos, CA) -The Los Alamitos Education Foundation (LAEF) is again teaming up with

several amazing arts directors to bring fantastic summer learning opportunities to students in

our community. "One of LAEF's goals is to connect all students to the 4 A's – Academics, Athletics,

Activities and the Arts. These camps give students a way to connect with arts programs from an

early age and to hone their skills for performances during the school year," says LAEF Executive

Director Carrie Logue.

District Teacher of the Year and Los Alamitos High School Choir Director David

Moellenkamp will present Xcite! Music Camps to 3<sup>rd</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> grade students! The first camp, the

Show Choir Boot Camp, is offered June 19-23 and includes classes in hip-hop, lyrical dance,

partnering, voice, musicianship and performance techniques. The Musical Theater Workshop

students study with Broadway professionals in dance, acting and singing classes from July 17-21.

The Show Choir Intensive is the third and final camp, which runs July 24-28. Students will work

with competition-level choreographers and vocal specialists to develop advanced skills in singing,

dancing and performing.

LAHS Dance Teacher Rikki Jones offers camps to beginning, intermediate and advanced

dancers entering grades 4-12 through four different camps. From August 14-18, advanced

dancers are invited to learn technique and combinations in different styles of dance. From

August 25-28, beginning and intermediate dancers from grades 8-12 are offered camps to learn technique, stay in shape over the summer, and get familiar with the dance program. And new this year, an All Levels camp is being offered August 14-17 for dancers in grades 4-7. The dance camps are offered to any dancers, they do not have to be current students in the Los Alamitos School District or even enrolled in the Dance Program at Los Al.

LAHS award-winning Theater Director Stacy Castiglione will offer a theater camp to students entering grades 1-5. From June 26-30 students will spend a week learning costume crafts, props, set painting and all that goes into being part of a play. The camp will end with a one-act play performed for friends and family on June 30.

Elementary kids will have the opportunity to "Rock Out" this summer at McGaugh's Music Specialist Topher von Kolen's new Rock Star Boot Camps. From July 10-21, Rock Star Boot Camp is offered to students in grades 3-5 and Rock Star Jr. Boot Camp is offered to students in grades K-2. Students in both camps will perform on July 21 in the McGaugh Auditorium.

The camps are sure to provide an outstanding performing arts experience for all participants! Visit <a href="www.LAEF4Kids.org/summer">www.LAEF4Kids.org/summer</a> to view flyers with all the details. Registration is now open at <a href="www.LAEF4kids.org/programs">www.LAEF4kids.org/programs</a>.

LAEF is the non-profit partner of Los Alamitos Unified School District. LAEF enhances educational excellence by providing after-school and summer enrichment programs to children in grades Pre-K to 12. LAEF impacts all students by providing significant funding for STEAM teachers and instruction, as well as igniting new programs and providing valuable resources. For more information, call LAEF at (562) 799-4700 Extension 80424 or email <a href="info@LAEF4Kids.org">info@LAEF4Kids.org</a>.