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Summer Academy Culminates in Free Showcase Open to the Public on August 6

July 28, 2011. Rochester, N.Y. - For the past several weeks, thirty enthusiastic students between the ages of 12 - 18 have been sharing the building on 75 Woodbury Blvd and honing their theatre skills at Geva's Summer Academy.

Auditions were held in March for the Academy which accepted students of all levels of experience. This year's focus was *Musical Theatre* and students selected for the program took classes in acting, text analysis and monologues, singing, voice and diction, movement, expansions, ensemble singing and rehearsal/production.

The Summer Academy concludes with a showcase at **1pm on Saturday, August 6th** that is free and open to the public.

The showcase will feature scenes from dramas and musicals, including *Side Show*, *Billy Elliot*, *Assassins*, *Gypsy*, *Little Women*, *Bat Boy* and *13 the Musical* (Some Material explores adolescent themes, and is recommended for 5th grade and above.)

Tickets are free, but must be reserved in advance by calling the Box Office on 232-Geva or online at gevatheatre.org.

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ABOUT THE GEVA THEATRE CENTER CONSERVATORY SUMMER ACADEMY 2011

The Geva Theatre Center Conservatory Summer Academy 2011 is a five-week professional theatre training program for 30 selected young actors, ages 12 to 18, who wish to explore, define and develop the actor in themselves. Open to students of all levels of theatre experience, Summer Academy 2011 will provide quality training for the beginning actor, as well as advanced level study for the young actor with previous experience.

The theme of this summer's program is *Musical Theatre*. The program will culminate in a showcase of the students' work that is open to the public on Geva's Mainstage. Students will be granted a certificate of completion from the Summer Academy 2011 program.

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