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Theatre Conservatory Launched at Memphis Jewish Community Center *Company Auditions on August 6, Programs begin August 21*

The Memphis Jewish Community Center Theatre Conservatory, launched in early 2024, is bringing year-round performing arts programming for all ages to the stage of the Belz Theater in the Orgel Family Performing Arts Center beginning August 21. The MJCC Theatre Conservatory, led by Artistic Director Jonathan McCarter, will provide an array of high-quality general and pre-professional theatrical training as well as skill-based age appropriate programming for preschoolers up through adults. McCarter brings a combined 17 years of experience to the program: 13 years of professional theatre experience and 4 years of classroom experience. McCarter said, "I realize how important theatrical education is, and how important it is to train not only the next generation of performers but also future patrons of the art form."

The first semester of Theatre Conservatory programs at the MJCC will include technique based Acting and Musical Theatre Dance classes and the performance based triple threat class The Show, 6-week specialty courses like Stage Combat, Hip Hop Dance, and Improv (adults), plus performance based companies by audition. Company Auditions will take place on Tuesday, August 6 from 4:30-7:30pm and programs begin on Wednesday, August 21. For more information, visit www.jccmemphis.org/Theatre.

Contact Jonathan McCarter, Theatre Conservatory Artistic Director for questions at 901-259-9248 or at theatre@jccmemphis.org.

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About Memphis Jewish Community Center

The Memphis Jewish Community Center (MJCC) is built on inclusivity, compassion, and Jewish values, heritage, and culture, where people of all ages, lifestyles, ethnicities, and levels of observance come together. For over 60 years, the MJCC has provided enriching and inspiring services and programs for the entire community. Located on 24 amazing acres in East Memphis, the MJCC has something for everyone – including an amazing Early Childhood Center, state-of-the-art Fitness Center, large outdoor water park, Art House, Senior Adult gatherings, Summer Camp, after school activities, and most importantly a welcoming environment where anyone can become a member.