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YOUNG AUDIENCES TO HOLD FREE ARTIST SHOWCASES ON SEPTEMBER 24TH, 25TH & OCTOBER 1ST IN NJ & PA

Young Audiences of New Jersey & Eastern Pennsylvania, (YA) the region's largest provider of arts education programs for grades preK-12, is holding free artist showcases from 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on September 24th at St. Rose of Lima Academy in Short Hills, NJ, September 25th at Brooks Crossing Elementary School in Monmouth Junction, NJ and on October 1st at Mother Theresa Regional Catholic School in King of Prussia, PA.

Teachers, school administrators and parents will be able to see performances by YA's new artists for 2013-2014. A sampling of dance, theater and musical performances will be presented to student audiences and any adults who are interested in scheduling a YA program for their schools.

"This is the third time Young Audiences has held our Showcase at Brooks Crossing Elementary School and we have always been greeted by enthusiastic audiences," commented Laurence Capo, President and CEO of Young Audiences. He continued, "We are honored that Jodi Mahoney, the Principal at Brooks Crossing as well as art teacher Ellen Kazar and their dedicated colleagues and PTO share our commitment to the importance of the arts in education."

The new artist lineup includes **Operation Superpower**, the very first Superhero Opera for students created and performed by Julliard trained singers that with their combined superpowers take a stance on bullying, the **Experiential Theater Company** where students play a part as they are taken on a theatrical journey, an exciting program with **Field Station Dinosaurs** about New Jersey's official state Dinosaur and many other incredible programs.

To register for the showcases and to obtain a complete performance schedule, please call Young Audiences of New Jersey & Eastern Pennsylvania at 866-5009-265 or visit www.yanj-yaep.org. Walk-in registration is possible on the showcase days.



PHOTO CAPTION 1 – Young Audiences New Jersey & Eastern Pennsylvania's new artist program, *Operation Superpower*

PHOTO CAPTION 2 - Young Audiences New Jersey & Eastern Pennsylvania's new program with *Field Station Dinosaurs*

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About Young Audiences

Founded in 1973, Young Audiences New Jersey & Eastern Pennsylvania is the premiere arts-ineducation resource in the region, providing high-quality performances and artist-in-residence programs to nearly 500,000 children pre-kindergarten through 12th grade annually. Young Audiences' extensive professional artist roster represents all art forms—from dance and theater to music, language and visual arts.

Young Audiences' programs are accessible to all socio-economic, ethnic, cultural, and geographic communities, and are designed to strengthen the arts in schools, meet local and state curriculum standards, involve families in arts activities, and enrich cultural life in New Jersey and Pennsylvania communities.

Young Audiences New Jersey & Pennsylvania is the first arts education organization designated as a major service organization by the New Jersey State Council on the Arts, and, as part of the national network of Young Audiences, Inc. was awarded the National Medal of Arts by President Clinton. Young Audiences provides over 4,000 programs annually and are made possible in part through a grant from the New Jersey State Council on the Arts/Department of State and Pennsylvania Council of the Arts. Additional funds come from the National Endowment for the Arts, foundations, corporations and generous individuals.

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