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RIVERCENTER CONDUCTS MCSD TEACHERS INSTITUTE

Columbus, Georgia – In an ongoing collaboration with the Muscogee County School District, RiverCenter will present a Teachers Institute for all third-grade teachers. RiverCenter coordinates this event to bring Georgia Council for the Arts-Certified Teaching Artists together with grade level teachers to learn how to utilize arts modalities to teach state standards and curriculum, both for the curriculum and the arts. The Kennedy Center defines curricular arts integration like this: Arts integration is an approach to teaching in which students construct and demonstrate understanding of the curriculum through an art form. Students engage in a creative process which connects an art form and another subject area and meets evolving objectives in both.

RiverCenter will bring five Teaching Artists together to work with local teachers on August 6 from 8 AM until 2 PM in the new Health Sciences Wing at Shaw High School. The Teaching Artists include:

- Barry Stewart Mann – drama, literacy, storytelling
- Claire Ritzler – puppetry
- Sietske Johnson – visual arts
- Jared Lanham – music
- Ron Anglin – juggling and magic

For additional programming information, please contact Rick McKnight, Education Program Manager, at rmcknight@rivercenter.org.

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RiverCenter is the region's premier performing arts destination. An independent nonprofit arts organization, RiverCenter proudly serves the Chattahoochee Valley. For more information about RiverCenter performances, please contact Carrie Corbett at ccorbett@rivercenter.org.