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The Chance Theater offers summer theater intensive to AUHSD students

Anaheim Hills, CA (July 2, 2008) -- This summer, The Chance Theater, Anaheim's only professional, non-profit theater will once again be offering a summer theater intensive for Anaheim Union High School District students – ***Speak Up – Take A 'Chance'***.

Currently in session through August 13, ***Speak Up - Take A 'Chance'*** will give students the opportunity to explore theater as a way to speak their minds and let their voices be heard. Through team building exercises, theater games, monologues, and improvisation, students from the Anaheim Union High School District will come together and create their own original piece of theater and speak up!

The eight week program is open to all students regardless of experience. ***Speak Up - Take A 'Chance'*** is not geared only toward acting. Students will write, direct, design, and tech their collaborative piece. They will meet with and learn from The Chance Theater creative team members, and see a preview performance of ***Evita*** and meet the cast and crew for a talkback.

Anaheim student, Damon Hayes recounts his experience with ***Speak Up – Take a 'Chance' 2007***, “the program was immensely enlightening. I wrote, I directed, I acted, and I even was later cast in a Chance Theater musical (***Anne of Green Gables – The Musical!***)! The program has helped me develop very close relationships with friends from my school and from around the district. It is an experience I still talk and laugh about with others. I was prepared to act in plays with [a] more professional and serious attitude than any I encountered in High School Theater. At the same time, I learned how deeply immersed one can get acting and the euphoric joy one can expect after every dedicated performance. I became close with so many great people at The Chance and loved every minute of it.”

This program is being generously funded by The Disneyland Cast Member Fund, Target, The Anaheim Kiwanis Club, and The Allergan Foundation. The Argyros Foundation has begun our funding for ***Speak Up – Take a 'Chance' 2009***.

If you would like to arrange an interview with the Education Director, would like more information, reservations or complimentary press passes, please call (714) 777-3033.

Performance & Ticket Information

Program Dates: June 24th – August 7th (Tue & Thu 2:30pm – 5pm)

Performances: August 12th and 13th at 7:30pm

Tickets to performances: \$15

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About The Chance Theater

Recently voted the #2 Live-Theater Group by *OC Register* readers, The Chance is proud to be in its Tenth Anniversary Season. A recipient of the 2007 Los Angeles Drama Critics Circle's (LADCC) Polly Warfield Award for Excellence, a vital component of The Chance Theater's mission has always been to intimately present personally meaningful, uniquely engaging stories that promote dialogue within our

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community and provide a visceral experience for theatergoers. As a constituent member of Theater Communications Group (TCG) and Network of Ensemble Theaters (NET), The Chance continues to bring national attention to Southern California theater through its recent achievements, which include participation in the state-wide Festival of New American Musicals, a 2006 GLAAD Media Award nomination for Outstanding Los Angeles Theater; recognition as the 2004 Arts Orange County Outstanding Arts Organization; participation in the 365 Days/365 Plays National Theater Project and the Los Angeles Edge of the World Theater Festival.

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