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COLUMBIA--- Nominations are now being accepted for the 2016 Tri-District Arts Consortium Summer Program. Middle school students who attend the public schools of Lexington One, Lexington/Richland Five and Richland Two are eligible to participate. This year marks the 31st year Tri-DAC has provided students an outstanding and intense study of the arts through this summer program.

The program is designed for artistically gifted and talented students who are rising sixth through ninth graders in the summer before the 2016-2017 school year. Students may audition in creative writing, dance, music (strings, vocal and wind/percussion), theatre or visual art.

The Summer Program will be held from 9:00 am to 3:15 pm each day, June 27 through July 16, 2016 on the campus of the Palmetto Center for the Arts (PCA) at Richland Northeast High School. Independence Day, Monday, July 4th will be observed as a holiday. Cost for the three weeks will be \$400.00.

Arts teachers, classroom teachers, administrators or parents may nominate students. Nomination forms may be obtained by contacting the Gifted and Talented Coordinator in one of the three districts: Mrs. Erin Fitzgerald, Lexington One; Mrs. Tami Richardson, Lexington/Richland Five; or Dr. Maria Kratsios, Richland Two. Nomination forms for all art areas, along with general information about the Tri-District Arts Consortium are also available on our web site at www.tridac.org.

The District Coordinator must receive all nominations by January 15, 2016. Applications will be sent to each student nominated. Spaces for qualified students from each district are limited.

Auditions for Dance, Vocal, Wind/Percussion and Visual Art students will be held on Saturday, March 5, 2016 at Richland Northeast High School. Auditions for the areas of Creative Writing, Strings, Theatre and Visual Art students will be held Saturday, March 12, 2016 at Richland Northeast High School. There will be no make up auditions.

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