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Local actor and educator follows his passion to unlock young minds through theatre

December 2, 2016 – The Cathedral Arts Project (CAP) is pleased to announce that Ron Shreve will be leaving his position as Program Coordinator at CAP and joining the Theatre Jacksonville team as Education Director, effective December 30, 2016.

Ron has been an invaluable asset to the CAP team in his short time here, but his transition back to Theatre Jacksonville is not only the right move for him personally, but also for the Jacksonville arts community.

“Ron is an intelligent, compassionate, talented and hardworking educator and administrator,” said Allison Galloway-Gonzalez, Chief Program Officer and Any Given Child (AGC) Executive Director. “Theatre Jacksonville is an amazing institution with an established historic place in this community, yet continues to innovate and inspire every day. We are thrilled these two entities will be working full-time on behalf of our theatre community for our students.”

The Cathedral Arts Project proudly counts Theatre Jacksonville among its community partners and hopes to strengthen and grow the relationship with Ron at the helm of their education programs. Most recently, CAP and AGC worked with Theatre Jacksonville to create and grow a theatre residency program for students with communication and social skills needs at Southside Estates Elementary School, for which Ron was the lead educator.

“We are delighted to know CAP and AGC are playing a part in cultivating high-level talent for our arts and culture workforce and that organizational partnerships like ours continue to grow stronger,” said Allison.

“Theatre Jacksonville couldn’t be happier to have Ron back and on its staff full-time. Truly, the icing on the cake is that CAP is so supportive of his decision,” said Michelle Simkulet, General Manager of Theatre Jacksonville. “This move is a definite win for the community – and for Ron, who is following his passion for theatre and arts education.”

Ron received his Bachelor of Fine Arts degree from the University of Florida in 2010 and has since integrated his theatrical experience with unique teaching methods to develop the creative minds of tomorrow. He has worked for several arts organizations

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around Jacksonville, including CAP, Theatre Jacksonville and Players by the Sea, and served on the board of the CAPtivators, CAP's young professionals group, for a year.

“Theatre is my strength, but providing the opportunity for students to have a voice is my passion,” said Ron. “The next step on my path is to unlock those young minds in an artistic setting so they have the tools to ‘Stand Up and Stand Out,’ which is fittingly CAP’s theme for this school year. Their future is our future, and I want our future to be confident.”

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*Now in its third decade of service, the mission of the **Cathedral Arts Project** is to enrich the quality of life in Northeast Florida through unleashing the creative spirit of young people. Our vision is for every child to benefit from a well-rounded education that includes dance, media arts, music, theatre and the visual arts. By providing direct instruction to students and teachers, facilitating partnerships and advocating for expanded access to arts education, the Cathedral Arts Project empowers children and youth to succeed in all areas of their lives. Learn more at capkids.org.*

***Theatre Jacksonville** is a volunteer-based community theatre whose mission is to enrich lives and broaden cultural understanding through community participation in theatre arts. This mission supports inclusion and the development of diversity in the company’s artistic, volunteer, audience and donor bases. This goal is achieved through presenting plays and programs of noted artistic excellence, supporting volunteers and students with exceptional training and educational opportunities, and allowing for the development of unique and/or original performance projects and events by Florida artists. Learn more at www.theatrejax.com.*