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Chance Theater begins new Youth Education Program in March:

Weekend @ Play

4th-8th graders will create and perform a play in one weekend!

Anaheim Hills, CA (February 12, 2009) – Managing Director Casey Long and Artistic Director Oanh Nguyen are pleased to announce the upcoming and new education program, **Weekend @ Play**. As a part of the Chance Theater's commitment to theater education, they are starting a new program for students grades 4-8 to come into the theater and write and perform their own show in one weekend.

Weekend @ Play provides students an opportunity to develop self-expression, creativity, cooperation, problem-solving and leadership skills. Through team building exercises, theater games, improvisation and leadership development, students from throughout our county's schools come together to create their own original piece of theater in 3 days. It all starts on a Friday evening, then by Saturday afternoon, they are rehearsing several ten minute plays based on their own words. On Sunday afternoon, families, friends, and the like are invited to see the plays performed.

Students will work with professional actors, directors, designers, and producers. **Weekend @ Play** has 2 sessions in 2009. This program is available for 4th – 8th grade students at \$325 per student. Scholarships are available for those who can demonstrate a need. Sponsorship opportunities are also available.

Education Director, Tanae Beyer, is passionate about **Weekend @ Play**, "This is going to be one crazy weekend in which we allow students to express themselves and have fun while learning the basics about theater. Schools are cutting back on budgets, so most schools are teaching theater without students actively participating in it or seeing it. **Weekend @ Play** is all active participation, performing and playing."

"We are excited to bring **Weekend @ Play** to the community and we look forward to seeing how creative our youth can be. Up until this point, we have never had a program, other than the Girl Scout Badge Workshops, for students in elementary and middle schools and we are looking forward to reaching younger students and teaching them about theater. This is just the tip of the iceberg in what we want to accomplish with our education programs and this is a great way to begin," says Artistic Director Oanh Nguyen.

If you would like to arrange an interview or would like more information, please call Managing Director Casey Long at (714) 777-3033 or email him at casey@chancetheater.com.

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Registration Information

March 13-15th

May 29th-31th

Weekend @ Play

Friday from 4pm-8pm

Saturday from 10am-4pm

Sunday from 12pm-4pm

Performance on Sunday at 3pm

\$325 per student. Family discounts and need-based scholarships available.
Sign up before March 1st for \$250.

The Chance Theater

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Make secure reservation at www.chancetheater.com.

About The Chance Theater

Voted "Best Theater Group" by *MyFoxLA* and "Best Small Theater" by *Orange Coast Magazine*, the Chance is proud to begin Season 11 as one of the leading ensemble based theatre companies in Southern California. 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 community and provide a visceral experience for theatergoers. As a constituent member of Theater Communications Group (TCG), Network of Ensemble Theaters (NET), and the Los Angeles Stage Alliance (LASA), the Chance continues to bring national attention to Southern California theater through its recent achievements, which include a 2006 GLAAD Media Award nomination for Outstanding Los Angeles Theater.

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