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***Red Bank Charter School Wins Early Childhood Arts Education Scholarship from Young Audiences
Grant provides an array of high-quality arts education programming to young learners***

Red Bank, NJ - November 15, 2017 - The Red Bank Charter School has won an Early Childhood Arts Education Scholarship from Young Audiences New Jersey & Eastern Pennsylvania (YA). These grants were made possible through the collective support from YA's generous individual donors. Through the grant, Red Bank Charter School will experience extraordinary and inspiring performances and hands-on workshops delivered by YA's team of professional teaching artists. Each customized program is developed to maximize students' experiences with quality arts programs; provide opportunities to understand the cultural importance of the arts and creativity, and connect to classroom curriculum and their lives.

Red Bank Charter School was one of only nine schools to be selected from the many that applied throughout New Jersey & Eastern Pennsylvania region.

"We are thrilled to receive this generous grant," said Meredith Pennotti, principal of Red Bank Charter School. "Providing quality arts programming to our students has always been a goal at Red Bank Charter School, but not always possible in these difficult economic times. With the help of Young Audiences we can now continue to offer our students inspiring, arts-rich experiences ." (Include additional or use different quote if desired)

"Red Bank Charter School's application demonstrated a real commitment to offering its students exceptional arts programming-and a need for financial assistance to make that happen," said Michele Russo, President & CEO of Young Audiences. "We look forward to working with Meredith Penotti and school staff to plan a curriculum-based, engaging array of arts initiatives for students and teachers."

Red Bank Charter School will work with Young Audiences' staff, and their roster of professional teaching artists, to plan high-quality arts programming tailored specifically to the school's unique needs. The grant will provide funding for a variety of initiatives, including:

- professional artist performances at the school
- in-depth, hands-on workshops with professional artists
- family arts and creativity experience for families
- teacher professional learning

For more information about YA's Arts Education Scholarships visit <http://www.yanjep.org>, or contact Michelle L Marigliano at Young Audiences New Jersey & Eastern Pennsylvania, at 866- 500-9265 or mmarigliano@yanjep.org.