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COUNT BASIE CENTER FOR THE ARTS ANNOUNCES REGISTRATIONS FOR ANNUAL ARTS IMPACT SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

RED BANK – The **Count Basie Center for the Arts** has announced the availability of its annual Arts Impact scholarships available to Monmouth County high school seniors graduating in 2019.

The Basie will proudly offer four scholarships: the **Moser Taboada Arts Impact Scholarship**, **Steven and Jaime Schultz Arts Impact Scholarship**, the **Siciliano Landscape Company Arts Impact Scholarship** and the **Monmouth County Freeholders Basie Scholarship for Continuing Education**. The Monmouth County Freeholders' scholarship will be awarded to a student attending a New Jersey-based college in the fall. Each will provide a recipient \$2500 towards their freshman year of higher education.

Also available is the new **Bank of America Arts Matter Impact Award**, which awards \$2500 to a graduating senior who best demonstrates the impact of the arts on their life.

Students may apply for each scholarship by visiting <http://thebasie.org/arts-impact-scholarships>, populating the application form and creating an official entry packet, consisting of an essay, resume and three personal recommendations. The thesis of the essay and spirit of the Basie's Arts Impact Scholarship program is "The Impact of The Arts in My Life." Applicants may submit their entire packet via this link, or print the application form for submission via U.S. mail.

Deadline for this year's applications is 4pm on Friday, March 22, 2019. Recipients will be announced onstage at the 14th annual Basie Awards on Wednesday, May 22, 2019. The Basie Awards, sponsored by Bank of America, recognize excellence in Monmouth County high school theatre.

"We're proud and excited to present the Bank of America Arts Matter Impact Award as this celebrates the power and importance of arts education for students in our local community," said **Bob Doherty, New Jersey President, Bank of America**.

"We're grateful to Bank Of America, Moser-Toboada, Siciliano Landscape Company, Steven and Jaime Schultz and the Monmouth County Freeholders for funding this year's series of arts impact scholarships," said **Yvonne Lamb-Scudieri, Vice President, Education, Count Basie Center for the Arts**. "We know that the arts play a significant role in the development of all minds – from actual artists to the scientists or doctors of tomorrow. These awards seek to recognize those who have experienced for themselves the engaging power of the arts."

For more information about the Basie's Arts Impact Scholarships, contact Jonathan Vena at jvena@thebasie.org / 732-224-8778 x 107

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ABOUT THE COUNT BASIE CENTER FOR THE ARTS

The Count Basie Center for the Arts is New Jersey's premier center for the cultural arts, dedicated to fostering powerful, inclusive artistic experiences and creative exchange of ideas. The Basie mission is to inspire, educate and entertain through its distinct and engaging cultural and artistic offerings that reflect the diversity of the region. As a nonprofit organization, the Basie is committed to enriching the community's quality of life by generating opportunities for participation in the arts, partnering with schools, collaborating with other mission-based organizations and driving regional economic prosperity. The Basie Center has hosted an array of world-class artists, including Bruce Springsteen & the E-Street Band, Jon Bon Jovi, John Legend, Crosby Stills & Nash, Tony Bennett, Sophia Loren and Ringo Starr. Count Basie Center programming is made possible in part by funds from the New Jersey State Council on the Arts.

For more information, visit www.thebasie.org.

For more information on the Count Basie Center for the Arts, its events and initiatives, please contact **Jon Vena, Count Basie Center for the Arts Vice President of Marketing and PR**, at/ 732.225.8778 x 107