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COLUMBIA--- Nominations are now being accepted for the 2018 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 33rd year Tri-DAC has provided students an outstanding and concentrated 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 2018-2019 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 on the campus of the Palmetto Center for the Arts (PCA) at Richland Northeast High School July 2 through July 21, 2018 from 9:00 am till 3:15 pm Monday through Friday until 3:15 pm. Wednesday, July 4<sup>th</sup>, 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 from the principal’s office at district elementary or middle schools or 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](http://www.tridac.org).

The District Coordinator must receive all nominations by January 16, 2018. Applications will be sent to each student nominated. Spaces for qualified students from each district are limited.

Auditions for Theatre, Wind/Percussion and Visual Art students will be held on Saturday, March 3, 2018 at Richland Northeast High School. Auditions for Creative Writing, Dance, Strings, Visual Art and Vocal students will be held Saturday, March 10, 2018 at Richland Northeast High School. There will be no make-up auditions.

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