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OFFERING SPACE TO REHEARSE & PERFORM Slots open for Theatre Residency Program in Los Angeles

LOS ANGELES - Your theater company could find a home with the City of Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks. Theater the way nature intended it.

The Department has teamed up with thespian Scott Crawford, President of Friends of Hollyhock House at Barnsdall Art Park, to offer the *Theatre Partners in Residence* program. By creating partnerships with theater companies, this unique program aims to enhance theater participation in Los Angeles through events, education, and programming.

Together, the Department and Crawford are accepting applications from both equity and non-equity theater companies during each review period. Selected theater companies will gain a free three-year home location at one of the Department's many recreation centers, which provide auditorium or stage amenities and both indoor and outdoor performance venues. In turn, the companies will be able to produce and perform plays at Department facilities and provide education in stagecraft to community members, thereby increasing community and citywide interest in Los Angeles theater.

To apply for this opportunity, please visit <u>www.laparks.org</u> (link under Information, then Special Interest) to fill out an application. Applications are accepted year-round and reviewed quarterly. The next round of applications is due at the end of March. For more information on *Theatre Partners in Residence*, contact:

Jeremy Aldridge at Lake Street Community Center, (213) 207-2196 - **30** -

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