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**KANSAS CITY YOUNG AUDIENCES' COMMUNITY SCHOOL OF THE ARTS PRESENTS A
SPECIAL PERFORMANCE OF *MY NAME IS JUNIE B. JONES* BASED ON BARBARA
PARK'S POPULAR CHILDREN'S BOOK SERIES**

KANSAS CITY, MO. – Kansas City Young Audiences' Community School of the Arts is proud to present Kim Ratliff in a delightful performance of *My Name is Junie B. Jones* on June 27 at 6:30 p.m. as the highlight of their third Family Fun Night celebration. *My Name is Junie B. Jones* will be presented in The Commons in the Music & Arts Building located on the campus of St. Teresa's Academy, 5601 Wyandotte.

Let your imagination and your love of reading soar with *My Name is Junie B. Jones*. Kim Ratliff, veteran kindergarten teacher and performer, will delight and enthrall children and parents alike with her interpretation of Junie B. Jones' adventures. The entertaining performance offers life lessons to children and encourages parents and children alike to participate in the program by helping Junie B. create solutions to everyday problems. Following the performance, children may participate in a hands-on arts and crafts project where they will create their own unique bookmarks.

Kim Ratliff has been a performer and educator for more than 14 years. After graduating from the University of Kansas, Kim was accepted to the prestigious American Academy of Dramatic Arts where she discovered her love of improvisational comedy. She studied and performed with the nationally renowned improv troupe, the Groundlings. While in Los Angeles, Kim did commercial work, live theater, and warmed audiences for a game show. Returning to Kansas City, Kim married, started a family, and began teaching in the Shawnee Mission School District. She found her niche in kindergarten and loves teaching children.

Kansas City Young Audiences (KCYA), celebrating its 45th birthday this year, has provided excellent educational artistic programs in Kansas City area schools since 1961. KCYA serves approximately 200,000 young people annually through its in-school programming, the management of the Arts Partners program, and the Community School of the Arts. The school, located in the Music & Arts building on the campus of St. Teresa's Academy, provides classes in all artistic disciplines after school, on Saturdays, and throughout the summer.

Kansas City Young Audiences' Community School of the Arts presents *My Name is Junie B. Jones* on Tuesday, June 27 at 6:30 p.m. in The Commons in the Music & Arts Building located on the campus of St. Teresa's Academy, 5601 Wyandotte. A donation of \$3.00 per person or \$10.00 per family of four is suggested, and free parking is available. Please RSVP to Laura Roudabush at 816-531-4022 ext. 1009 or email lroudabush@kcya.org to reserve your seat today!

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