



**KANSAS CITY
YOUNG AUDIENCES**

5601 Wyandotte Kansas City, Missouri 64113 816.531.4022 fax: 816.960.1519 www.kcya.org

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
September 7, 2006

CONTACT: Laura Roudabush
Kansas City Young Audiences
816-531-4022 x 1009
lroudabush@kcya.org

**KANSAS CITY YOUNG AUDIENCES' COMMUNITY SCHOOL OF THE ARTS PRESENTS A
SPECIAL HALLOWEEN PERFORMANCE OF *JUNIE B., FIRST GRADER, BOO...AND I
MEAN IT!* BASED ON BARBARA PARK'S POPULAR CHILDREN'S BOOK**

KANSAS CITY, MO. – Kansas City Young Audiences' Community School of the Arts is proud to present Kim Ratliff in a delightful performance of *Junie B., First Grader, Boo...and I MEAN It!* on Tuesday, October 24 at 6:30 p.m. as the highlight of their fifth Family Fun Night celebration. *Boo...and I MEAN It!* will be presented in the Music & Arts Building located on the campus of St. Teresa's Academy, 5601 Wyandotte.

In *Boo... And I MEAN It!*, Junie B. is worried about Halloween thanks to Paulie Allen Puffer, who has told her five scary secrets that are making her dread trick-or-treating. Junie B. hides, hoping to avoid Halloween costume shopping, but finally decides to dress up like Squirty the Clown, whom she thinks will keep her safe. Following Kim's interpretation of the clever trick-or-treating tale, children in the audience will be invited to do some trick-or-treating of their own in the Community School of the Arts. All children are invited to come in costume and share in the Halloween fun, including a costume parade.

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 more than 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 *Junie B., First Grader, BOO...and I MEAN It!* on Tuesday, October 24 at 6:30 p.m. 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!

#