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KANSAS CITY YOUNG AUDIENCES PRESENTS
UNITY IN OUR COMMUNITY AT THE COMMUNITY SCHOOL OF THE ARTS
Event will feature a performance of *The Traveling Storyteller* by KC Artist and Performer Brad Shaw

KANSAS CITY, MO. – Kansas City Young Audiences' Community School of the Arts is proud to present Brad Shaw in a performance of *The Traveling Storyteller* on January 23 at 6:30 p.m. as the highlight of their *Unity in Our Community* Family Fun Night celebration. *The Traveling Storyteller* will be presented in The Commons in the Music & Arts Building located on the campus of St. Teresa's Academy, 5601 Wyandotte.

Brad Shaw is "Da", the traveling storyteller, offering students adventures in far away places, such as Africa, Russia, France, Germany, India, and Japan, as he weaves tales from around the world. Brad uses his stories to teach and communicate clear messages about morals, ethics, values, and common sense. Following the performance, children may participate in a hands-on mural project to support the evening's theme of *Unity in Our Community at the Community School of the Arts*. The mural will hang in a commons area in the School upon completion.

Brad Shaw, a graduate of the Kansas City Art Institute, is considered a "Renaissance Man" in the theater world. His name can be found on programs as actor, director, choreographer, costumer, set designer, and playwright. He has taught in the Kansas City Public Schools and in surrounding school districts. Shaw was an integral part of the building and opening of the Gem Theater at 18th and Vine where he wrote and produced the musical *18th and Vine*.

Brad has worked on the Kansas City Young Audiences (KCYA) roster as a teaching artist since 1994 and was instrumental in the design of the drama curriculum for KCYA's Community School of the Arts, which opened in 2004. Brad received the Lighton Prize from Kansas City Young Audiences in the spring of 2004 for excellence in the arts.

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 *Unity in Our Community* featuring Brad Shaw's *The Traveling Storyteller* on Tuesday, January 23 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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