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SARAH SIDDON'S SOCIETY SUPPORTS BLACK ENSEMBLE THEATRE

(Chicago, IL, March 1, 2015) Sarah Siddons Society is proud to announce a partnership with Black Ensemble Theater. Siddons support will assist in funding BET's successful *Plays With A Purpose*, a series of four interactive musical plays designed to teach elementary school children positive life lessons and values. Teachers are provided with workbooks and activities to reinforce the lessons taught in the plays while students see these productions each year at the Black Ensemble Theater Cultural Center.

"We are honored and thrilled to be partnering with Black Ensemble Theater's extraordinary Jackie Taylor—actress, producer, playwright, singer, director and BET founder. Her range of talent is one-of-a-kind and her imaginative *Plays With A Purpose* tie perfectly to Sarah Siddons Society's mission of supporting theater for disadvantaged children," said Marc Kaufman Sarah Siddons Society's President.

The plays also teach children how to focus, concentrate, listen and remember—all basic cognitive skills that are mandatory for learning. Further, the plays are designed to build students' self-esteem, confidence, self-respect and respect for others. The program is tailored for school children from kindergarten through eighth grade.

Sarah Siddons Society is a 501c3 not-for-profit whose primary mission is supporting young talent in Chicago by raising monies through annual fund raisers for deserving theatre majors at Chicago's top drama departments that include Columbia College, DePaul, Northwestern and Roosevelt Universities. The Society's secondary mission is supporting theatre initiatives in Chicago.

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