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A "CALL" TO PAAAS ARTISTS TO PARTICIPATE IN A "LIVE" ONLINE SHOW MAY 1, 2020 at 2:00 PM

The show called Cafè PAAAS is moving to a virtual platform because of the COVID-19 Pandemic

Plainfield, NJ- April 29, 2020– A "CALL" for PAAAS artists to participate in a "LIVE" online show on Friday, May 1 was announced by Othell J. Miller, Teacher of the Theatre Arts program, at the Plainfield Academy for the Arts and Advanced Studies (PAAAS). Mr. Miller is calling on students to participate in the school's Cafè PAAAS arts show which will be presented online due to the closing of all New Jersey schools because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

"We are moving Cafè PAAAS online and we are turning Cafè PAAAS into a virtual experience," said Miller. The show typically occurred in the school cafeteria but because of the present circumstances, the school had to move the show to an online format."

The "call" for actors came via a video message produced by Miller enthusiastically calling on the students to stand up and be accounted for. He said, "I am calling on poets, actors, dancers, vocalists, instrumentalist and all artists to stand up and be accounted for. This is a student performance platform and for it to work we need the students to participate. To make this a smashing and overwhelming success we need your participation!"

Interested students should submit a 1-3-minute video audition. A committee will review the submissions and select the participants who will perform "Live" via Google Meet on Friday, May 1, 2020, from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Students who participate in the show will not be graded. The Cafè PAAAS performance is not part of a course and its not done for extra credit. Miller said the Cafè PAAAS is a platform meant to give students a voice. It's an opportunity for them to hone their artistry. He says he often shares calls and opportunities for his students to experience performing before of an audience.

"I want students to know that their growth as artists is very often commensurate to the artistic

opportunities they take advantage of,” said Miller.

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About PAAAS

The Plainfield Academy for the Arts and Advanced Studies (PAAAS) is a premier educational facility named for the third time (2016, 2018 and 2020) as one of the Best High Schools in the United States by the U.S. News & World Report. The school is dedicated institution to the excellence in the arts, in the area of visual and performing arts. It serves approximately 390 students in grades 7 -12. Its dynamic, innovative and rigorous curriculum is academically and talent ability balanced. It focuses on equipping students with practical skills that will prepare them for the 21st Century as well as experiences and training that will enable them to compete in the Visual and Performing Arts industries. The Plainfield Academy for the Arts and Advanced Studies enables students to develop their abilities, talents and minds, and inspires and empowers students to become leaders in an innovative and challenging arts education program and highly competitive industry. www.painfieldnj12.org.

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