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**RPAA presents the**  
**2018 Genworth Lights Up! Youth Open House**  
Youth to enjoy free workshops, lecture-demonstrations and performances  
from various arts disciplines

Richmond, VA – The 2018 Genworth Lights Up! Youth Open House hosted by Richmond Performing Arts Alliance (RPAA) returns to Dominion Energy Center for the Performing Arts on February 24. This free, biennial event offers more than 30 participatory workshops, lecture-demonstrations and performances in the visual and performing arts for children and youth ages 3-18.

Participants will take part in dance, music, theater, media and visual arts workshops provided by individual artists, resident companies and other area arts organizations, including Art 180, Latin Ballet of Virginia, Puppets Off Broad Street, Quill Theatre, Richmond Ballet, School of the Performing Arts in the Richmond Community (SPARC), Uke 'n' Roll, Virginia Opera, Virginia Repertory Theatre, Virginia Stage Combat School, VCU School of the Arts Department of Dance and Choreography Adjunct Faculty Member Ayo Lashaunda Craddock, storyteller Charmaine Crowell-White, violinist Brenda Johnson and Music Together Director Carol Smoot, a program representing Richmond Symphony.

“This is one of the most exciting events RPAA hosts that allows youth to explore the arts through a variety of hands-on experiences,” said Janet Starke, RPAA Executive Director. “We’d like to express our sincerest gratitude to Genworth, our additional partners, and all of the participating artists and organizations who make this one-of-a-kind opportunity possible for youth in the Greater Richmond community.”

Dominion Energy Center for the Performing Arts, located at 600 East Grace Street in Richmond, opens its doors open at 10 a.m. the day of the event. On-site registration begins at 10:30 a.m. on a first come, first served basis and continues throughout the day. Activities run 12-5 p.m.

This year, RPAA will provide a free shuttle service from several locations in the City of Richmond. For more information on this and the full day’s event, call 804-592-3381 or visit [RPAAlliance.com](http://RPAAlliance.com).

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*Richmond Performing Arts Alliance (formerly Richmond CenterStage Foundation) is a 501(c)(3) organization whose mission is to provide diverse local and world-class performing arts, transformative arts education experiences for students of all ages, and inspirational venues—all to strengthen the culture and economic vitality of the Greater Richmond region. It is the home to eleven resident arts companies and performing arts groups. RPAA venues include the historic Carpenter Theatre, Libby S. Gottwald Playhouse and Rhythm Hall at Dominion Energy Center for the Performing Arts and Altria Theater – the largest performance venue between New York and Atlanta. Its arts education initiative operates out of the Genworth BrightLights Education Center and reaches students of all ages in the City of Richmond and surrounding counties.*