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Arts Every Day Kicks Off 10-Year Anniversary Event Series with Photographer Devin Allen

Baltimore, Feb. 15, 2016 – On Wednesday, March 9th, Arts Every Day will host an open house and photography exhibit featuring the collaborative work of photographer Devin Allen and students at Windsor Hills Elementary and Middle School. This event kicks off a yearlong series of events celebrating the tenth anniversary of Arts Every Day and its commitment to helping teachers and students succeed together by integrating arts into Baltimore City’s classrooms.

The exhibition event and open house will feature a panel discussion with Devin Allen and his team of student photographers. “These are Baltimore City school students who are building self-confidence as they explore their world through the clarity of the camera lens,” says Arts Every Day Executive Director, Julia Di Bussolo, “We believe that the arts should reach every student in every school every day. Arts Every Day is proud to support this exciting collaboration with Devin Allen.”

Light refreshments, a photo booth, and tours of Arts Every Day’s new home at The Motor House will also be available.

Born and raised in West Baltimore, Allen found a creative outlet and refuge in photography. Last spring, his work documented the uprising surrounding the death in police custody of Freddie Gray. Through his lens, he captured the frustration, anger, sadness and solidarity in Baltimore that gained national attention when riots broke out. Thanks in part to project and materials support from Arts Every Day, students are working with Allen to document their lives both in and out of school while learning the basics of documentary photography.

Arts Every Day has partnered with Windsor Hills Elementary and Middle School for four years playing a critical role weaving the arts throughout the building. The school’s Principal, Corey Basmajian, says, “Arts Every Day promotes collaboration between arts teachers and our Math, English, Science, and Social Studies teachers. This inspires our students to apply classroom learning and express themselves through the arts. Arts Every Day has supported numerous partnerships between the arts community and Windsor Hills Elementary School. In addition to opening up professional development opportunities for teachers to explore arts integration, it has allowed our school community to focus on how the arts impacts instruction through meaningful projects, activities, and potentially life-changing opportunities and experiences.”

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About Arts Every Day

Arts Every Day is proud to be a driving force in building and sustaining a Baltimore City that values public education through creativity, art, and culture. We advocate for and support sequential arts education while working to empower educators as leaders within their school communities. In partnership with the District, Arts Every Day works to ensure Baltimore City students have a seat at the opera, feet in the museum and a teaching artist in their classroom. Not only are Baltimore City School students the artists and patrons of tomorrow, they are the leaders and decision makers upon which our city's future will depend. The mission of Arts Every Day is to strengthen learning by making arts education and cultural experiences an integral part of the education of all Baltimore City Public Schools students.

A 501(c) 3 founded in 2006 as one in only eight organizations originally funded by the Ford Foundation, Arts Every Day (AED) works to ensure all Baltimore City Public Schools students have access to the arts every day through arts education, arts programming, and arts-integrated instruction. Arts Every Day works toward this goal through the forging of partnerships with schools and the arts and cultural community over the long-term to inspire lasting change.

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