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### **Foothills School of Arts and Sciences Launches Community After-School Arts Program**

BOISE, ID – Foothills School of Arts and Sciences, a pre-k through 9<sup>th</sup> grade independent school in downtown Boise, is introducing an after-school arts program that is open to the Boise community.

“The after school choir and musical theatre programs at Foothills are a great way for students in the community to come together for collaboration in the arts” says program director and Foothills music instructor Jessica Dean. “Foothills provides a vibrant learning environment that promotes creativity and expression, so it’s a natural that we would create programs for the community that enhance that for everyone who is interested.”

The Foothills after-school program offers two courses: Musical Theater and Choir. Musical Theater runs Tuesdays from September 22 to December 8 from 3:45-5:45 p.m., with two dress rehearsals and a performance on December 17, 2009. The cost of Musical Theater is \$195. Scholarships are available, and all ages are welcome.

The Choir program is on Thursdays from September 24 to December 10 from 3:45-4:45 p.m., with a performance on December 15, 2009. The cost is \$110. Scholarships are available. Grades 4-9 are welcome.

The Music Theater and Choir programs will be directed by Foothills music teachers Jessica Dean and Jennifer Walker. Jessica Dean is a renowned musician and actress with a Bachelor’s Degree in Music from Boise State University. Jennifer Walker, the Foothills choir teacher, has studied opera at the Manhattan School of Music in New York and has worked as an intern actor with the Idaho Shakespeare Company.

The deadline for registration for the after-school program is Monday, September 21, 2009. All classes will take place in the Foothills School of Arts and Sciences Music Room.

Foothills School of Arts and Sciences is an inquiry-based learning community in which students explore questions in a manner suited to their own learning styles. A 17-year-old institution, Foothills School offers a student-teacher ratio of 1:9 and a school-wide electives program that helps students find their passions. Foothills graduates have gone on to such universities as M.I.T, Stanford and the Seattle Art Institute.

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