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### **OSCAR-WINNING ACTOR TIM ROBBINS AND THE ACTORS' GANG AT SOUTH LAKES HIGH SCHOOL**



RESTON, VA — Reston Community Center gave twenty five South Lakes High School International Baccalaureate (IB) theatre students the opportunity of a lifetime during their first week of school. Last Thursday, September 10, they participated in a nearly three-hour theatre Master Class led by the members of The Actors' Gang and its Artistic Director, Tim Robbins, the Oscar-winning actor known for his roles in *The Shawshank Redemption*, *Bull Durham* and *Mystic River* among many other movies.

The students spent nearly three hours doing theatre exercises focusing on voice, movement and improvisation techniques. They interacted directly with Tim Robbins and the members of The Actors' Gang where they received coaching and immediate feedback to further develop their acting skills.

"The Master Class workshop was one of the most outstanding workshops we've ever had," says Maria L. Harris, South Lakes High School Theatre Arts Director and Performing Arts Chair, "And to have Tim Robbins and The Actors' Gang there giving so much of their valuable time and talent to the students is something that they will cherish forever."

"This interactive workshop with Tim Robbins and The Actors' Gang is an exciting start and the first of many efforts to bring the arts into Reston schools all season long with interactive educational experiences with visiting artists," said RCC Arts & Events Director, Damian Sinclair, "I am proud to continue the RCC tradition of forging meaningful connections between artists and the community we serve." RCC Board Chair, Carol Bradley, who attended and observed the workshop described the experience as an "inspirational example of how important it is to young people to have these interactions to encourage them as they pursue a passion like studying theatre."

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The Los Angeles-based company, The Actors' Gang and Tim Robbins were in town for the SOLD OUT presentation of *The Trial of the Catonsville Nine* that launched RCC's 2009/2010 Professional Touring Artist Series this past Saturday at the CenterStage. The season will continue with many other presentations by artists at the peak of their powers. Reston residents benefit from a reduced ticket price to these exciting performances; ticket purchases may be made online at the RCC website, or by phone or fax.

For more information on this workshop and/or upcoming educational arts efforts in the community, please contact BeBe Nguyen at (703) 390-6145.

### About the Reston Community Center

Each year RCC offers more than 1,800 positive, self-development experiences that enhance the quality of life for all people living and working in Reston. RCC provides a wide range of programs in arts, aquatics, enrichment and life-long learning. We also create and sustain community traditions through special events, outreach activities and facility rentals. To find the programs or events that are right for you, visit [www.restoncommunitycenter.org](http://www.restoncommunitycenter.org) or call 703-476-4500.

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