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Navient Foundation helps set the stage for Indiana Repertory Theatre

INDIANAPOLIS, Jan. 25, 2016 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- For many people, stepping into a theatre is like a portal to a world filled with imagination, entertainment and pure artistic expression. To honor this tradition, Navient Foundation, the philanthropic fund of the nation's leading loan management, servicing and asset recovery company, donated \$10,000 to the Indiana Repertory Theatre to help support and encourage underserved schools in the community to attend their favorite student matinee productions. Navient Foundation will also sponsor student matinee showings of "To Kill a Mockingbird" and act as production partner for "Fences."

"We truly appreciate and celebrate Navient Foundation's continued support of the work we do with students and community outreach as part of our productions at the IRT," said Suzanne Sweeney, managing director and COO, Indiana Repertory Theatre. "Navient Foundation's commitment to creating access to a brighter future to the more than 40,000 students we serve each year connects well with the mission of the IRT to produce work that will help build a more vital and vibrant community."

The Indiana Repertory Theatre seeks to produce top-quality, professional theatre and provide experiences that engage, surprise, challenge and entertain people throughout their lifetime to help build a vital and vibrant community.

Beginning tomorrow through Feb. 26, the Indiana Repertory Theatre will perform Christopher Sergel's adaptation of "To Kill a Mockingbird," an American classic and an integral part of classroom literature. Performances of "Fences," a winner of both the Pulitzer Prize and Tony Award for Best Play, will run from March 16 through March 30. All student matinee productions will begin at 10 a.m.

"The Indiana Repertory Theatre has been providing entertainment and enriching the minds of those in Central Indiana for more than forty years," said Jon Kroehler, senior vice president, Navient. "Exposing children to student matinees is an excellent way to pass down the art of theatre. We are honored to contribute to the theatre's initiatives."

In 2014-15, the Indiana Repertory Theatre offered 133 student matinee performances of nine dynamic and diverse contemporary and classic productions and served 40,788 students and teachers from 54 of Indiana's 92 counties. The Indiana Repertory Theatre will serve approximately 11,000 students from across the state of Indiana with student matinee performances of "To Kill a Mockingbird."

Learn more about [Indiana Repertory Theatre](#) and view the complete list of dates for [scheduled student matinees](#).

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