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ACCLAIMED ACTOR ANTHONY ANDERSON CONDUCTS MASTER CLASS AT ELLINGTON SCHOOL

Washington, DC – At 2 p.m. tomorrow, acclaimed actor, writer, producer, and comedian Anthony Anderson will conduct a master class for theater students at the Duke Ellington School of the Arts.

Anderson, whose credits range broadly from his own small-screen show *All About the Andersons* to significant roles in major motion pictures such as *Hustle and Flow*, has chosen to conduct his class at Ellington “to honor the school’s recently deceased co-founder, Mike Malone, and to support the school’s excellent theater department.”

The workshop, held for all of Ellington’s theater students, will cover technique ranging from comedy to drama.

“We’re delighted to host such a successful artist,” says Vera J. Katz, an Ellington theater instructor and Professor Emerita of Howard University who has worked closely with Anderson. “The students benefit tremendously when they see success stories right in the classroom. It gives them something to work towards.”

Duke Ellington School of the Arts is an accredited college preparatory public school of the District of Columbia offering pre-professional training in museum studies, literary media, visual arts, dance, theater, technical theater, instrumental and vocal music. Ellington offers students an educational experience that combines both academic studies and artistic development. The mission of Duke Ellington School of the Arts is to nurture and inspire passion for arts and learning in talented students who might not otherwise have an opportunity to develop their artistic skills. We ensure that our students are prepared for post-secondary education and/or careers in the arts by offering an intensive arts-based program. We prepare our students to become productive citizens in our global society through strong focus on community service. Ellington’s unique partnership with The John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts and The George Washington University provides significant opportunities to students, faculty and staff.

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