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# The Chicago Academy for the Arts

**THE CHICAGO ACADEMY FOR THE ARTS TO HONOR PATRICIA RUSK WITH FACULTY LEGACY  
AWARD AT ANNUAL ALL-SCHOOL SHOWCASE PERFORMANCE**



Patricia Rusk, one of the most beloved and important figures in the history of The Chicago Academy for the Arts, will be honored February 15 at the school's annual *Showcase* performance at the Athenaeum Theatre. She will receive The Academy's second-annual Faculty Legacy Award.

Ms. Rusk, the Musical Theatre Department's Chair Emeritus, has been an integral part of The Academy since 1997. Since that time, she has musically directed dozens of shows and accompanied hundreds of students — including students from every department in her lunch-hour singing classes. Her former students include Grammy Nominee hit songwriter Justin Tranter, Hamilton star

José Ramos, numerous Broadway actors, and countless other students forever changed by her teaching, mentorship, and friendship.

In Ms. Rusk's honor, the school is establishing two scholarships: a four-year scholarship for an incoming freshman, and a two-year scholarship for a rising junior.

The Faculty Legacy Award is used each year to recognize a long-serving faculty member for their enormous contribution to our community and culture, and to fund scholarships in their honor.

Tickets for *Showcase* can be found at [chicagoacademyforthearts.org](http://chicagoacademyforthearts.org) or through the Athenaeum's website. The performance is a community-wide celebration featuring top work from each of The Academy's arts departments: Dance, Media Arts, Music, Musical Theatre, Theatre, and Visual Arts.

### **About the Chicago Academy for the Arts**

Established in 1981, The Chicago Academy for the Arts is a nationally recognized independent high school for the performing and visual arts. Designated a National School of Distinction by the John F. Kennedy Center, The

Academy offers students the opportunity to engage in a unique co-curricular program: rigorous, college-preparatory academic classes and professional-level arts training in the context of an unparalleled school culture. The Academy's school day consists of six 45-minute periods followed by a three-plus hour immersion in a student's chosen arts department: Dance, Media Arts (filmmaking, animation, creative writing), Music, Musical Theatre, Theatre, and Visual Arts. The Chicago Academy for the Arts transforms emerging artists through a curriculum and culture which connect intellectual curiosity, critical thinking, and creativity to impart skills to lead and collaborate across diverse communities.

For more information about The Academy, visit [www.chicagoacademyforthearts.org](http://www.chicagoacademyforthearts.org).

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