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The Precocious and Loveable "Junie B. Jones" Takes a Musical Adventure at The Aventura Arts & Cultural Center

Tales of the beloved childhood book heroine are presented as a Smart Stage Matinee

AVENTURA, Fla. – *Junie B. Jones*, a new musical based on four volumes in Barbara Park's series of beloved children's books, is presented as a Smart Stage Matinee at The Aventura Arts & Cultural Center on Monday, November 6 at 10 and 11:30 a.m.

The outspoken, precocious, lovable Junie B. Jones stars in a colorful, funny, fast-paced musical about new friends, new glasses, sugar cookies, the annual kickball tournament and other various first-grade, angst-ridden situations. Along the way, she writes down the story of her life in her "Top-Secret Personal Beeswax Journal."

In a series of books, Park kept kids and adults laughing as students were encouraged to read and write. The series has sold over 60 million copies in North America alone, has been translated into multiple languages and is a time-honored staple in elementary school classrooms around the world. The series was consistently a no. 1 *New York Times* bestseller, spending over 180 weeks on the list.

One of the most honored theatres of its kind, Theatreworks USA tours approximately 16 shows each season from its repertoire of 137 plays and musicals and is the only children's theatre to receive both a Drama Desk and a Lucille Lortel Award. Since its founding in 1961, it has presented more than 96.5 million children and their families with opportunities to enjoy theatrical productions in 49 states and Canada.

Smart Stage Matinees at the Aventura Arts & Cultural Center offer educational performances for students in grades PreK-12. Productions are curriculum-driven and align with Florida state standards. Literature-based shows promote reading skills and S.T.E.A.M. (Science Technology Engineering Arts Math) to make challenging concepts accessible to younger learners.

For Group Sales, please call 954.660.6307 or email <u>groups@BrowardCenter.org</u>. Single tickets are limited for this event and are \$10 with \$3 lap seats for infants 12-months or younger. Ticketmaster and the Broward Center's Group Sales Team are the only official ticketing services of the Aventura Arts & Cultural Center. Buy tickets online at <u>aventuracenter.org</u>, by phone at 877.311.7469, or in person at the Aventura Arts & Cultural Center box office Tuesday through Saturday from noon to 5 p.m. and 90 minutes prior to each performance.

The Broward Center for the Performing Arts manages the Aventura Arts & Cultural Center, a 14,864-square-foot, 330-seat waterfront complex that hosts performing arts, cultural and educational programming for all ages.

The Aventura Arts & Cultural Center is located at 3385 N.E. 188 Street in Aventura. Join the conversation on Twitter at #AventuraCenter, and follow us on Facebook at facebook.com/aventuracenter and Instagram at aventuracenter.

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CALENDAR BRIEF: The City of Aventura presents the musical production *Junie B. Jones* based on four volumes in Barbara Park's series of books at the Aventura Arts & Cultural Center on **Monday, November 6** at **10** and **11:30 a.m.** The outspoken, precocious, lovable Junie B. Jones stars in a colorful, funny, fast-paced musical about new friends, new glasses, sugar cookies, the annual kickball tournament and other various first-grade, angst-ridden situations. Along the way, she writes down the story of her life in her "Top-Secret Personal Beeswax Journal." For Group Sales, please call 954.660.6307 or email groups@BrowardCenter.org. Single tickets are limited for this event and are \$10 with \$3 lap seats for infants 12-months or younger. Ticketmaster and the Broward Center's Group Sales Team are the only official ticketing services of the Aventura Arts & Cultural Center. Buy tickets online at <u>aventuracenter.org</u>, by phone at 877.311.7469, or in person at the Aventura Arts & Cultural Center box office Tuesday through Saturday from noon to 5 p.m. and 90 minutes prior to each performance. The Aventura Arts & Cultural Center is located at 3385 N.E. 188 Street in Aventura.