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September 10, 2021 (Milwaukee, WI) – Milwaukee Rep is pleased to announce the continuation of the Professional Training Institute (PTI), an advanced actor training program for students in 9-12 grade. The class of 2021/22 will consist of 15 students from 10 different high schools including: Gabriela Bastardo (Golda Meir HS), Alexa Crump (Milwaukee High School of the Arts), Jonathan Edwards (Rufus King HS), Terynn Erby-Walker (Golda Meir HS), Ana Gutierrez (Ronald Reagan HS), Liam Jeninga (Delavan Darien HS), Michael Loomans (Slinger HS), Krya Mathias (Kettle Moraine School for Art and Performances), Molly McVey (Nicolet HS), Costello Mylott (Rufus King HS), Angel Rivera (Pius XI HS), Yexuanj Rivera Melendez (Milwaukee High School of the Arts), Magdalyn Rowley-Lange (Ronald Reagan HS), Alexandria Woods (Rufus King HS), and Isabel Young (Walden III HS).

The 2021/22 PTI Ensemble were chosen out of hundreds of exceptional talented students from all across Milwaukee to receive free training over the course of the academic year. The students will gather throughout the school year to develop their talent and knowledge in the field of performance, ending the year with a capstone performance where they will be paid as professional actors.

Support for the PTI program is provided by funders of Milwaukee Rep's Education & Engagement Department, which is designed to further the theater's mission of creating positive change in the cultural, social and economic vitality of Milwaukee. Education & Engagement supporters include Greater Milwaukee Foundation, The Lubar Family Foundation, The Richard and Ethel Herzfeld Foundation, Northwestern Mutual with additional support from Fred Pike and Cecilia Taylor.

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Milwaukee Rep is the largest performing arts organization in Wisconsin with three unique performance venues in the Patty & Jay Baker Theater Complex— the Quadracci Powerhouse, Stiemke Studio and Stackner Cabaret. For over six decades, Milwaukee Rep has been a centerpiece of Milwaukee's vibrant arts and cultural scene with productions ranging from Broadway musicals to Shakespeare to American Classics and New Works that are entertaining, inclusive and impactful. Under the leadership of **Artistic Director Mark Clements** and **Executive Director Chad Bauman**, Milwaukee Repertory Theater ignites positive change in the cultural, social, and economic vitality of its community by creating world-class theater experiences that entertain, provoke, and inspire meaningful dialogue among an audience representative of Milwaukee's rich diversity.