

Allegro Hosts YABBA (Young Adults Books, Bands, Authors) Festival

Event invites region: Virginia, D.C., Maryland, Carolinas

September, 16, 2016 – Warrenton, VA – Allegro Community School of the Arts will host YABBA Fest (Young Adults Books, Bands & Authors) Saturday, October 8, 2016, from 9:30am - 4:00pm, on Main Street, Warrenton, VA. October is Literacy Awareness and Dyslexia Awareness Month. Allegro is located at 20 Main St., Warrenton, VA.

The event will include workshops throughout the day, a music stage of local performers, and author book signings. Workshops will be led by the authors in attendance. Topics include Dyslexia and Literacy, and activities such as an interactive workshop for students entitled Fractured Fairytales, and an author panel.

Authors attending include Jodi Meadows (*Incarnate*), Eleanor Herman (*The Blood of Gods and Royals series*), Lindsay Smith (*The Sekret Series*), Kathy Macmillan (*Sword and Verse*), Jan Gangei (*Zero Day*), Adam Dreece (*The Yellow Hoods series*), Rosemary Groux (*Brenwyd Legacy*), Kristy Gillespie (*The Nirvana Series*), Charlotte Strack Payton (*Along the Garden Path*).

Allegro will host Haymarket Chapter of Decoding Dyslexia of Virginia (DDVA) as part of the event. The grassroots organization links families, resources, support, and educational interventions for dyslexia.

Event keynote speaker and Canadian author Adam Dreece will attend because of his dedication to build the awareness and understanding of dyslexia. He was diagnosed with dyslexia late in high school and now presents school assemblies encouraging students in literacy and creativity despite obstacles they might encounter.

As Warrenton does not have a book store, One More Page Books in Arlington will serve as the onsite store. The event is free to the public. Workshops and book signings will take place on Main Street, Warrenton, in local merchant shops. No registration is needed. Books will be available to purchase. Attendees may bring their own books for author signings. Visit the Allegro website for a schedule of events and authors: <http://allegrocsa.org/new/events/yabba-fest/>

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About Allegro Community School of the Arts: Allegro is a non-profit arts school focused on giving back to their community and bringing the arts to life within the five counties they serve. They truly have a heart for connecting others to the arts. They strive to increase appreciation, education, and participation of the arts within the community and families. Through education, performance, and community partnerships, Allegro develop the “whole artist.” Programs include music, theatre, visual arts, music therapy, and the Allegro Academy for the Blind.