ACCLAIMED ACTORS ETHAN HAWKE AND JOE WILSON JR. WILL DISCUSS THE IMPORTANCE OF ARTS EDUCATION FOR YOUTH DURING PROVIDENCE AFTER SCHOOL ALLIANCE (PASA)’S ANNUAL ARTS EDUCATION EVENT

Providence, RI – Actor, writer and director ETHAN HAWKE will join actor, educator and community activist JOE WILSON, JR., to participate in a timely conversation that draws upon their personal and professional journeys to recognize the critical role theater arts and the acting process plays in developing a sense of self, creating respectful and vibrant communities, re-examining our country’s racial history and providing emotional healing for current stresses.

Hawke and Wilson will be the distinguished guest speakers at “Radical Re-Imagining: How Arts Education Helps Youth Embrace Change, Re-Frame History, and Discover Themselves”, taking place virtually on Mar. 30, 2021 at 6:00 pm. Tickets are on sale and available on the PASA website. The event demonstrates the community’s commitment to the prominent role arts education plays in the lives of hundreds of racially diverse youth across Rhode Island’s creative capital city.

Genesis Sanchez Tavarez, PASA alumna, graduate of Rhode Island College and Columbia Law School and a Litigation Associate at Proskauer Rose LLP, will help facilitate this timely discussion, connecting her own personal journey growing up in Providence to tie the discussion to youth after school experiences. The program will include breakout sessions where attendees will collaborate on strategies to increase youth exposure to arts after school programming. The first 75 registered guests will receive autographed posters from Hawke and Wilson’s performances.

Hawke is a four-time Academy Award nominee, author of five books and a 2021 Golden Globe nominee for his performance in the Showtime adaptation of James McBride’s novel The Good Lord Bird. Wilson is a 16-year member of Providence’s Trinity Rep Theater, Associate Professor of Theater and Dance at Wheaton College and Founder/Producer of RI’s America Too.

About PASA: PASA’s mission is to help close persistent opportunity gaps by expanding and improving quality after school, summer and other out of school time learning opportunities for all youth of Providence by organizing a sustainable public-private partnership that contributes to student success and serves as a national model. www.mypasa.org

About PASA’s Annual Arts Event: As a signature fundraiser for PASA, proceeds go directly towards expanding after school and summer programs for Providence middle and high school youth. The event helps demonstrate PASA’s nearly 20-year history as a valued partner in the Providence after school and education system and a strong national champion within after school coalitions for addressing the after school learning gap with more accessible, high-quality after school arts, sports and experiential programming.