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**DANCE THE DAY AWAY WITH *PAPER DREAMS*
June 23- July 29, 2018**

A dance-based show for ages 1-5

BETHESDA, MD (June 5, 2018) Imagination Stage presents the dance performance-based production *Paper Dreams* from June 23 to July 29 as part of the ***My First Imagination Stage*** series. A collaboration with **Mons Dansa Dance Company** of Barcelona, Spain, *Paper Dreams* explores the many facets of creativity, including movement. This fun, interactive production tells the story of two clownish creatures that live in a wastepaper basket, and asks if our greatest mistake can become the next great innovative idea.

***Paper Dreams*, best for ages 1-5, runs in Imagination Stage’s Christopher and Dana Reeve Studio Theatre June 23 through July 29. Performances are Saturdays and Sundays at 10:00 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. Tickets are \$12 in advance or \$14 the day of the performance, with a \$5 lap seat for children under 12 months. Tickets may be purchased online at www.imaginationstage.org, at the Imagination Stage box office, or by calling 301-280-1660.**

“This show, conceived and written by the Mons Dansa Dance Theatre Company of Barcelona, is filled with such joy and humor,” says **Associate Artistic Director Kathryn Chase Bryer**. “I am thrilled to bring our first dance offering for the very young to life. I am constantly amazed at how *Paper Dreams* can communicate so much through simple movement and humorous gesture, and I know our audience will be fascinated with the creative props, set, costumes, and clownlike characters!”

Anna Lynch returns to her role in *Paper Dreams*. She previously understudied *Boxes, Boxes, Boxes!* and *Inside Out*. **Sara Herrera**, Artistic Director and Founder of ArasDance, the Petworth Dance series, and the Petworth Arts Collaborative, will also reprise her role.

ABOUT MY FIRST IMAGINATION STAGE

My First Imagination Stage focuses on ages 1-5, recognizing “play” as the “work” of early childhood development. Through live performances, workshops, and classes, *My First Imagination Stage* creates fun and developmentally exciting experiences for the very young and their caregivers. A national leader in **Theatre for the Very Young**, Imagination Stage began

focusing on the youngest of theatergoers in 2010 with the world premiere of *Wake Up, Brother Bear!* To date, *My First Imagination Stage* has welcomed guest artists from Italy, Great Britain, and Germany, and has developed many acclaimed world premiere productions including *Wake Up, Brother Bear!*, *Mouse on the Move*, *Inside Out*, and *Blue*. Just like its audiences, *My First Imagination Stage* keeps growing!

ABOUT MONS DANSA DANCE COMPANY

Since 1998, under the direction of Claudia Moreso, Mons Dansa has created artful dance works for kids using choreography as a channel for communication, expression, amusement and education.

SHOW SCHEDULE

Performances are Saturdays and Sundays at 10:00 a.m. and 11:15 a.m.

ASL-Interpreted performance July 28 at 11:15 a.m.

Tickets: \$12 in advance, \$14 the day of; best for ages 1-5.

LOCATION

4908 Auburn Avenue, Bethesda, MD

Parking: Metered parking in the adjacent public parking garage; parking is FREE on weekends

Metro: Red Line/Bethesda Station

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ABOUT IMAGINATION STAGE

Founded in 1979, Imagination Stage is a 501(c)(3) organization with a mission to inspire creativity through theatre and arts education programs that nurture, challenge, and empower young people of all abilities. It offers year-round professional theatre for young audiences and classes in creative drama/acting, musical theatre, dance, and filmmaking for ages 1-18.

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