**THE ACTORS FUND AND MOUNT SINAI ANNOUNCE A NEW**

**HEALTH CENTER FOR EVERYONE IN**

**THE PERFORMING ARTS ENTERTAINMENT COMMUNITY**

**THE SAMUEL J. FRIEDMAN HEALTH CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS**

**TO OPEN IN MARCH 2017**

**FACILITY WILL SERVE AS THE MEDICAL CARE PROVIDER**

**TO NEW YORK CITY’S CREATIVE COMMUNITY**

Want excellent health care, without the song and dance? Created by The Actors Fund in partnership with Mount Sinai, The Samuel J. Friedman Health Center for the Performing Arts is a thrilling addition to the many services provided by The Actors Fund for everyone who works in performing arts and entertainment.

The Actors Fund and Mount Sinai recently announced plans for the new health center, scheduled to open in March 2017 at The Actors Fund’s main offices at 729 7th Avenue in Times Square. The Health Center will serve as the medical care provider for the creative community.

The Friedman Health Center will offer primary and specialty care with extended hours that are sensitive to entertainment industry work schedules. The Health Center will accept commercial insurances, most Marketplace/Exchange plans, Medicare and Workers’ Compensation.

"Providing access to quality, affordable health care is central to our mission,” said Joe Benincasa, CEO of The Actors Fund. “The Friedman Health Center will not only provide people with access to Mount Sinai, one of the best health care systems in the city, but also provide for continuity of care for anyone who experiences regular changes in their health insurance coverage. This is a real win for our performing arts and entertainment community.”

The Friedman Health Center will be staffed by primary care providers and specialists available on a rotating basis. Personalized health insurance counseling, guidance and enrollment support will be available on site through The Actors Fund’s Artists Health Insurance Resource Center.

The Actors Fund’s Al Hirschfeld Free Health Clinic, located at 57th and 10th Avenue in Manhattan, will continue to operate in its current location until the opening of the new Health Center in March 2017.

To make an appointment at The Friedman Health Center for the Performing Arts, please call 212.489.1939, Monday–Friday, 9:30 am–5:00 pm. For more information and updates, visit www.actorsfund.org/HealthCenter.

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