



Two Sitar Arts Center Students Win Playwriting Awards

Sitar Arts Center student **Forrest Penrod**, 14, was named a winner in Arena Stage's Ten-Minute Student Playwright Competition for the second year in a row this spring. Forrest wrote his play, "The Bellevue Apartments on Bedlam Lane" as part of the Arena Stage Playwriting class he takes at the Center. It will be performed at the Source Theater at 1835 14th St., NW on March 2nd and 3rd. You can reserve your free ticket by calling the Arena Stage sales office at 202-488-3300.

Sitar Arts Center student **Israel Nunez**, 14, was recently honored by Young Playwrights' Theater (YPT), which will feature his work in the 2009 New Play Festival in April. Israel's play was written as part of Young Playwrights' Theater's In-School Playwriting Program, in which over 600 Washington, DC elementary, middle, and high school students participated. The festival will present eight of their plays April 6-8, 2009 at 7pm at the GALA Hispanic Theatre, representing the many backgrounds, outlooks, and cultures found in our community. Israel studies playwriting at Sitar Arts Center and at Capital City Public Charter School, where he participated in the YPT program. For more information on the festival or YPT see www.yptdc.org.