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National Touring Production of *One Noble Knight* to Perform Locally

Bright Star Touring Theatre, a national professional touring theatre company based in Asheville, NC, is visiting the area with their performance of *One Noble Knight*.

One Noble Knight is an original 45 minute play created for audiences in 3rd through 8th grade. It tells the story of the noble Sir Sterling and his quest to defeat the bullying Queen Edda. Along his journey, audiences also meet a cast of fantastical characters such as the Wise Wizard Waldermar and the Queen's servant, Bumbleworth, who provides comic relief for the story while unwittingly helping the Knight in his quest. "We have a variety of anti-bullying plays, but this one is unique," says Erin Schmidt, Director of Development at Bright Star. "We wanted to create a concept that older grades could really latch onto. While they are learning practical skills on how to deal with bullying, they are on the edge of their seat, wondering how the story will turn out. We hope that students who have bullied others, or who have witnessed bullying in their schools will rethink their role as a leader...it's important to think about our our words and actions affect others."

Each year, Bright Star Touring Theatre serves nearly 1,500 audiences in schools, theaters, libraries, museums and more across the country. They offer a wide variety of curriculum-based programs ranging from *The Velveteen Rabbit* to *Heroes of the Underground Railroad*. "We travel with everything we need and we can perform just about anywhere," says National Tour Manager Reeni Dowd. "Our actors join us from all over the country and they sometimes visit ten different cities each week, playing a huge variety of characters along the way. It's a great way for them to flex their acting muscles!" The company performs regularly at the National Theatre in Washington DC and has gained international attention, having visited Russia and Germany with their productions. Information about all their interactive shows, including production videos, photos, study guides and more is available online at www.brightstartheatre.com.

Bright Star Touring Theatre will appear at:

Venue: _____

Date and Time: _____

Venue Address: _____

Contact Person for Program: _____

Contact Information: _____