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“We have presented Bright Star Touring Theatre a number of times over the years and found their productions to be clever and kid-friendly, well acted and imaginatively produced. Beneath the fun are valuable lessons for young audiences.”

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WASHINGTON, DC



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ON BEHALF OF ALL OF US HERE AT BRIGHT STAR THEATRE, WE WELCOME YOU TO OUR 2016-17 TOURING SEASON!

It's our 14th Season! We have so much to be grateful for and so many sponsors to thank! We've grown to become one of the largest professional touring theatres in the country—can you believe it?

2016 has already been our most incredible season yet. We partnered with the National Park Service to create an original Black History production that's playing in parks throughout the Midwest. We've already had shows from Seattle to Boston and Michigan down to Florida, and as far away as Germany and Russia.

This season we'll provide over 1,400 performances in schools and theatres, historic sites and museums, community events and libraries.

We opened this theatre 14 years ago to ensure actors could work with a living wage, young audiences could be entertained and educated through the magic of theatre and that anyone who wanted a professional theatre production could afford one.

We welcome you to the new season and know you'll find lots of shows that you really can't wait to book! Check out our great block-booking rates wherein we can serve you with programs throughout the year at even lower prices!

There are over 50 different productions to choose from. Each tour has three shows serving different grade levels so you can mix and match shows serving different grades with different programs.

We can't wait to serve you and your young audiences.

Most sincerely,

David Ostergaard
Founder and Emmy Winner
(336) 558-7360



PS: We specialize in touring our shows into ANY space! We never need a stage or any kind of special technical needs. Also, share a date with another school in your area on the same day and you'll both save \$150 on our school rates.



THE LADY OF BULLYBURG



THE VELVETEEN RABBIT



THE STORY OF ANNE FRANK



TOUR 2

SEPT. 12 - OCT. 29, 2016

Choose 1, 2, or all 3 shows!

CAPTAIN FRIENDSHIP AND THE BULLY BANDIT

(Best for Grades Pre-K-5)

It's a bird, it's a plane, it's Captain Friendship! Our super hero themed show is designed to offer young audiences the opportunity to stand up to a bullying bandit while empowering themselves in the process. This show seeks to hold young people accountable to stop bullying when they see it taking place and ensure peace is kept among their classmates. The best part is when Captain Friendship bestows her super hero powers unto the young audience members who, by stopping the bully, realize that they were the true super heroes all along.



ALICE IN WONDERLAND

(Best for Grades Pre-K-5)

The Lewis Carroll literary classic is magically brought to life in this 45-minute adventure. Join Alice on her journey into the rabbit hole, packed with some eccentric and fantastical characters who take your audience on an imaginative ride. Since 1865 this literary classic has been a favorite among young readers and we can't wait to bring it to life. Join the Queen of Hearts, the Cheshire Cat, the Mad Hatter and Alice on this adventure in Wonderland.

BULLIED

(Best for Grades 4-8)

Our hit from 2015 is back! We're tackling bullying head-on in this serious and powerful production designed especially for grades 4-8. This production takes an honest and open look at the bullying epidemic and it's ramifications for both bullies and the bullied. This show empowers young people to use practical tools to stop someone from bullying them, shows them how to engage when they see someone else being bullied and presents a serious anti-bullying message.



TOUR 1

SEPT. 12 - NOV. 5, 2016

Choose 1, 2, or all 3 shows!

THE LADY OF BULLYBURG

(Best for Grades Pre-K-5)

Our acclaimed anti-bullying fairy tale is celebrating 13 years on the road! Schools and educators across the country have heralded this production with literally changing the climate of their school. Join Lady Kindness as she saves her town from a visiting bully while learning a variety of empowering tools along the way. This is the perfect kick-off to your school year.

THE VELVETEEN RABBIT

(Best for Grades Pre-K-5)

This literary classic is routinely named one of the top books for children. This heartwarming story tells of a stuffed rabbit and its quest to become real. The story celebrates unconditional love and real beauty with a strong anti-bullying message. Join our professional actors as they bring to life this engaging and sweet story with imaginative costumes and captivating skill.

THE STORY OF ANNE FRANK

(Best for Grades 4-Adult)

We traveled all the way to the Anne Frank House in Amsterdam for research on this remarkable story. Join us in honoring the end of WW II with this production that celebrates the courage of young Anne Frank and her family. This production is designed to offer an engaging and accessible approach to this time in history. *The Story of Anne Frank* seeks to honor the strength of the human spirit even in the most challenging of times.



CAPTAIN FRIENDSHIP AND THE BULLY BANDIT



ALICE IN WONDERLAND



BULLIED



BULLYSAURUS REX



ONE NOBLE KNIGHT



ONCE UPON A TIME...

TOUR 3 SEPT. 12 - NOV. 5, 2016

Choose 1, 2, or all 3 shows!

NEW

BULLYSAURUS REX (Best for Grades Pre-K-5)

Your students will have a dino-mite time traveling to the land before kind. Bullysaurs Rex is doing everything he can to stop the other dinosaurs from accepting and being kind to the new dinosaur on the block – Terri Dactyl. This anti-bullying show features fantastic costuming that will have your young audiences rolling with delight. This show is designed to empower audiences with the tools to stop someone from bullying them and help end bullying when they see it.

NEW

ONE NOBLE KNIGHT (Best for Grades 3-8)

In a land ruled by a Cruel Queen, one noble Knight must unexpectedly rise to the task of defeating the bullying Queen Edda. Can one Knight accomplish this task alone? With the help of the Wise Wizard, Waldermar, and the Queen's servant, Bumbleworth, our noble Knight will learn to overcome all obstacles in order to save his Kingdom and all its people. This more serious look at bullying will teach your older grades the importance of respect and loyalty. We will equip your audiences with the tools they need to handle bullying.

ONCE UPON A TIME... (Best for Grades Pre-K-5)

Literature comes to life in this hysterical production, bringing to the stage the stories of *Cinderella* and *Jack and the Beanstalk*! Mabel and Lenny, the comic duo who made *Aesop's Fables* such a roaring success, are determined to reenact these two classic fairy tales, undertaking more than a dozen roles each. From the character formerly known as Prince Charming and the Fairy Godmother to a growing beanstalk and a giant lumbering high above our set, this production is always a favorite of teachers and students alike.

QUOTES & REVIEWS!

“The Freedom Center has been working with Bright Star Touring Theatre for several years now and every year the productions are educational, entertaining and affordable- and with attendance at their performances growing every year, **it is clear the visitors love them!**”

-NATIONAL UNDERGROUND RAILROAD FREEDOM CENTER
CINCINNATI, OH

“In 25 years as a principal, your programs rate as one of the **highest quality assemblies** I have ever witnessed!”

-PRINCIPAL, ORCHARD VIEW ELEMENTARY
GRAND RAPIDS, MI

“The Bright Star Touring Theatre performed *George Washington Carver & Friends* to two packed audiences for the 71st Carver Day celebration at the George Washington Carver National Monument. The play was **energetic, highly engaging** and quite educational. The actors did a wonderful job of interacting with the kids, who clearly learned much while having big fun! Thank you Bright Star for your contributions to our annual event!”

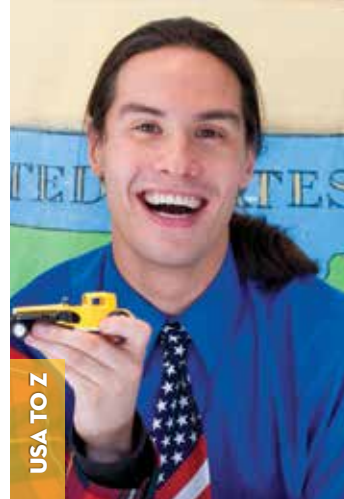
-SUPERINTENDENT, GEORGE WASHINGTON CARVER NATIONAL MONUMENT
DIAMOND, MO



THE PIRATE OF BULLY BAY



MAXIMUS MARS



USA TO Z

TOUR 5

OCT. 1 - OCT. 31, 2016

Choose 1, 2, or all 3 shows!

STORYBOOK TALES: PINOCCHIO & ROBIN HOOD

(Best for Grades Pre-K-5)

Our hilarious actors will have your young audience laughing in the aisles with this production of *Pinocchio* and *Robin Hood*. Packed with audience interaction, this 45-minute adventure is brimming with character education lessons, audience participation and plenty of puns to bring these literary classics to life in an unforgettable fashion.

IT TAKES COURAGE

(Best for Grades 2-6)

America is filled with amazing figures who overcame great obstacles. From being bullied to facing incredible physical challenges, this production teaches young people the power of the individual. Loaded with anti-bullying messages and tools, the show celebrates a variety of famous Americans from Helen Keller and Franklin D. Roosevelt to Justin Timberlake and Bill Gates. We hope to inspire young audiences while giving them practical tools to overcome their own obstacles.

THE LEGEND OF SLEEPY HOLLOW

(Best for Grades 2-8)

Our hilarious version of this literary classic returns just in time for fall. Join bumbling Ichabod Crane, beautiful Katrina Van Tassel and bullying Brom Bones as they bring to life this Washington Irving classic. This is even credited as being America's first work of fiction! Your young audience will love seeing fellow volunteers and one unsuspecting teacher join the actors on-stage for an impromptu Sleepy Hollow Choir practice. The most exciting part is the anticipated arrival of our (not-so-scary) Headless Horseman!

TOUR 4

OCT. 1 - NOV. 8, 2016

Choose 1, 2, or all 3 shows!

THE PIRATE OF BULLY BAY

(Best for Grades Pre-K-5)

Our most successful show of 2015 is back! Prepare ye mateys for our most fun anti-bullying, swashbuckling adventure ever! Join Captain Catherine, the kindest pirate of the high seas, as she meets the bully Black 'Stache and must overcome his mean ways. This interactive adventure teaches your young crew the tools they need to stop a bully through clever rhymes and memorable characters.

MAXIMUS MARS

(Best for Grades 3-8)

Our annual smash hit returns! This anti-bullying show for older students offers empowering tools to help combat cyber and schoolyard bullying. Maximus Mars has crash-landed on a foreign planet and must work to stop the bullying residents from destroying his ship. When he begins receiving messages on his communication device, he turns to the audience for help to effectively put an end to their cyber-bullying while working hard to return to Earth. This futuristic-themed show has been a huge hit among middle schoolers.

USA TO Z

(Best for Grades 3-8)

Just in time for election season...join Lady Liberty and Uncle Sam as they take your audience on a journey through America. Your students will learn how the political process works, the differences between the judicial, legislative and executive branches and what it means to vote. At various points during the show, your audience will take part in a live-action game show component featuring patriotic prizes while our hosts entertain them with their hilarious antics. From the Constitution to the Declaration of Independence to the swing vote, this show will leave no political stone unturned. This special tour is running through Election Day and is designed to encourage good citizens by teaching audiences how they can contribute to their own communities.

STORYBOOK TALES:
PINOCCHIO & ROBIN HOOD



IT TAKES COURAGE



THE LEGEND OF SLEEPY HOLLOW





TOUR 7

NOV. 14 - DEC. 22, 2016

Choose 1, 2, or all 3 shows!

CHRISTMAS WITH SANTA (Best for Grades Pre-K-5)

Carols, Santa & Christmas Galore! The spirit of the most wonderful time of year is overflowing in this hysterical Christmas-wrapped comedy. Two zany and lovable elves, Scrunchie and Bangles, have accidentally misplaced some of Santa's presents. When Santa finds out about the mishap he teaches the well-meaning elves that the real gift of the season are the people and friends we celebrate it with. Packed full of sing-a-long tunes, this show is the perfect way to get audiences of all ages into the Christmas spirit.

WINTER FABLES (Best for Grades Pre-K-5)

For this cozy little show we are returning to Aesop's fables to bring to life some amazing winter-inspired tales. Our spirited performers take your young audience on a hilarious and highly entertaining journey. They cover valuable lessons from "The Ant and the Grasshopper" to "The Country Mouse and the City Mouse." Your young audience is guaranteed to walk away with strong character-education influence and a boat-load of uproarious laughter! They'll learn about responsibility, honesty and appreciating what they already have just in time to get into the spirit of the season.

HOLIDAYS AROUND THE WORLD (Best for Grades K-5)

Join Nick and Joy in their quest to make it home for the holidays. Their journey brings much more than they ever imagined! The traditions and holidays which abound throughout winter are celebrated in this show. From Kwanzaa to Christmas to The Festival of Lights, this unique production offers young people a look into the celebrations that occur around the globe during this special time of year. Audience volunteers help to bring in the Chinese New Year with a colorful dragon, while the Lohri festival brings to the stage colorful costumes and stories from India.



TOUR 6

NOV. 14 - DEC. 22, 2016

Choose 1, 2, or all 3 shows!



HOLIDAY SONGS: MUSIC AROUND THE WORLD

(Best for Grades Pre-K-5)

We've created a show we know will be a sell-out this season. Travel the globe and explore some of the world's many winter holidays in this musical revue. Songs and stories come together for a truly magical wintertime show. We will travel from Africa to Mexico and everywhere in between. You will hear a range of songs from "I Have A Little Dreidel" and "Auld Lang Syne" to "Away in a Manger," "Sankta Lucia" and so much more. Similar in style to our hit *Holidays Around the World*, this show is packed with music from many of the celebrations that happen this time of year around the globe.

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A DICKENS TALE (Best for Grades 2-Adult)

Gather 'round as our actors recreate Victorian England in this beloved retelling of the Charles Dickens classic, *A Christmas Carol*. Join Old Scrooge, bumbling Bob Cratchit, one hilarious beggar woman and all the delightful ghostly visitors in this heartwarming tale of friendship and generosity. An unsuspecting student even has the opportunity to join our actors on stage in the role of Tiny Tim! Audiences of all ages are enthralled in this sweet tale. Our classic version has become an annual tradition across the country.



QUOTES & REVIEWS!

“I wanted to touch base and tell you how much the students and staff at Calhoun School enjoyed the performances. **The actors were excellent**, wonderful to work with and a joy to watch performing on stage. They had great chemistry and displayed a good mix of humor and drama. I believe our teachers enjoyed their performance as much as our students!”

- CALHOUN ELEMENTARY
CALHOUN, TN

“All of the shows were fantastic and loved by all! The actors were **a joy to work with** and we so enjoyed having them for a few days. Thanks again and we will be in touch about next year!”

- DALLAS THEATER AND CIVIC CENTER
DALLAS, GA

“What an outstanding performance! The actors were hysterical! **My cheeks hurt from smiling so much**. The message contained in the show was exactly what we were hoping for. The story presented the bullying situation in a way that was understandable even for the Kindergarten students. The actors involved the students in the situation asking them to help solve the problem, which they did very well. The students took away so many values including acceptance, friendship, helping others and how to be a hero. I was extremely impressed and would highly recommend this show to other schools.”

- PRINCIPAL, BELLMAWR PARK SCHOOL
BELLMAWR, NJ

★ TOUR 8

JAN. 16 - MAR. 11, 2017

Choose 1, 2, or all 3 shows!

AESOP'S FABLES (Best for Grades Pre-K-5)

These 2,600 year-old gems have never been this entertaining! Join our Elizabethan actors as they stumble across the assembled crowd and decide to put on a showcase of their greatest hits. The result is a fast-paced, high-energy production that has literally left audiences shouting for more. From “The Fox and the Grapes” and “The Tortoise and the Hare” to “The Boy Who Cried Wolf” and “The Lion and the Mouse,” these animal-filled adventures focus on honesty, compassion, hard work and kindness.

HEROES OF THE UNDERGROUND RAILROAD

(Best for Grades 3-Adult)

From the National Underground Railroad Freedom Center to schools across America, our most requested show returns for its 11th year! Join Harriet Tubman, Levi Coffin, Henry “Box” Brown, John Parker and more in an empowering look at the figures behind America’s Underground Railroad. From the secret signs along routes to the Abolitionist Movement, this play leaves few stones unturned. This engaging production has routinely been called the “best assembly we’ve ever had” by educators across America. *Heroes of the Underground Railroad* sells out every year.

LET IT SHINE: THE AMERICAN CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT

(Best for Grades 3-Adult)

This powerful show brings to the stage pivotal moments of the American struggle for Civil Rights. The Freedom Riders, “Bombingham” and the Montgomery bus boycott are just a few of the events that unfold before your audience. Key figures and dynamic songs from the time period are welcomed to the stage with an accessible script that provides a great launching pad for understanding this challenging time in our nation’s past.

AESOP'S FABLES



HEROES OF THE UNDERGROUND RAILROAD



LET IT SHINE: THE AMERICAN CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT





GEORGE WASHINGTON CARVER & FRIENDS



BUILDING STORIES



STRUGGLE FOR FREEDOM: THE LIFE OF DR. KING

QUOTES & REVIEWS!

“ We had Bright Star perform for our eighth graders. Teachers described the performance as ‘phenomenal’ and said ‘we loved it.’ The fact that this program did not talk down to students in any way made it effective and **empowering for our students**. When Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. started giving the “I have a dream” speech, you could hear a pin drop: a testament to how powerful the performance was. As a Cultural Arts representative for our school, it is hard to choose middle school age appropriate programs that fit within our limited budget. This was the perfect program for this age group that truly gives you a bang for your buck. ”

- CENTENNIAL CAMPUS MIDDLE SCHOOL
RALEIGH, NC

“ We had a great time with the show and the actors were wonderful. Big picture of the history was great. **Loved the message, loved how it was delivered.** ”

- FREDERICK DOUGLASS NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE
WASHINGTON, D.C.

“ The performances ran very smoothly and we had a packed house for both of them. The performers were great and **the audience loved them!** I had several visitors comment on the quality of the show. Thank you so much for your organization and help in getting this family day put together. I hope to be in touch in the future! ”

- MANAGER OF YOUTH & FAMILY PROGRAMS, BRUCE MUSEUM
GREENWICH, CT

★ TOUR 9 JAN. 16 - MAR. 11, 2017 Choose 1, 2, or all 3 shows!

GEORGE WASHINGTON CARVER & FRIENDS (Best for Grades Pre-K-5)

Our blockbuster is back for a fourth year, just in time for your Black History celebrations! Join George Washington Carver as he leads your students on a fast-paced and hilarious introduction to some of the most influential Black Americans of the last 150 years. Booker T. Washington, Jackie Robinson, Thurgood Marshall and Madame C.J. Walker are just a few of the inspirational stories brought to life in this empowering production.

NEW

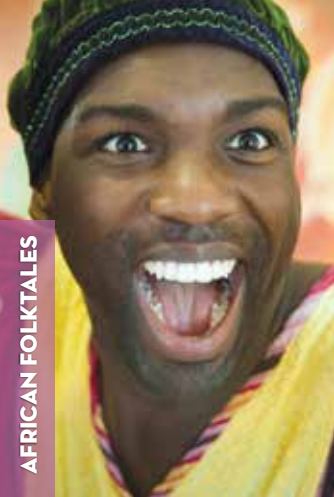
BUILDING STORIES (Best for Grades 1-6)

Plot, summary, characters and settings can be confusing things to learn about. Join our actor-educators as they take your audience on an adventure through what makes up a story. In one portion of the show your audience contributes to the play to create an original story, while learning all the different parts of what goes into making one. This show is designed to get young people excited about reading and writing while encouraging them to gain a better understanding of the fundamentals of stories.

STRUGGLE FOR FREEDOM: THE LIFE OF DR. KING

(Best for Grades 3-Adult)

This powerful and accessible production has grown to become of our most requested shows. *Struggle for Freedom* celebrates the work and life of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. in the context of the American Civil Rights Movement. Featuring songs from the era, this production offers your audience the opportunity to experience the heroic work of Rosa Parks as she refuses to give up her seat, the March on Washington and many more of the key moments that shaped both the Movement and our country.



AFRICAN FOLKTALES



JACKIE ROBINSON



FREEDOM SONGS: THE MUSIC OF BLACK HISTORY



TOUR 11

JAN. 23 - MAR. 11, 2017

Choose 1, 2, or all 3 shows!

BARNYARD BULLY (Best for Grades Pre-K-5)

Everything has been so wonderful down on Friendly Acres Farm: that is until a bullying turkey starts picking on the other farm animals and making life harder for everyone. Farmer Jim and his faithful dog must stop this bullying bird to save Friendly Acres. Colorful and imaginative costumes bring this empowering production to life while equipping young audiences with the tools they need to stop someone from bullying them.

BLACK HISTORY HALL OF FAME (Best for Grades Pre-K-5)

Join us in this fast-paced adventure through the Black History Hall of Fame! In just 45-minutes your young audience will be introduced to over a dozen groundbreakers and hall-of-famers who have largely contributed to shaping our nation's past, present and future. You'll see everyone from Maya Angelou and Aretha Franklin to the Buffalo Soldiers and Mae Jemison and that's just to name a few! Young audience volunteers and incredibly talented performers bring this show to life in every way. This was a huge hit in 2016!

NORTH STAR (Best for Grades 3-Adult)

This engaging production celebrates the life and work of America's most famous conductor on the Underground Railroad. From her earliest days on a Maryland plantation to her own journey to freedom, we get to see an up close and personal glimpse into the courageous life of Harriet Tubman. Her unmatched and daring 19 trips to help complete strangers make their way to freedom is just one piece of the amazing things she accomplished. This show celebrates the life of Harriet Tubman and her work as conductor, spy and true American hero.



TOUR 10

JAN. 16 - MAR. 11, 2017

Choose 1, 2, or all 3 shows!

AFRICAN FOLKTALES (Best for Grades Pre-K-5)

Join two talented African griots (storytellers), Akili and Jabari, as they share stories that celebrate the vastness of the African landscape. As your students enter the performance space, it's filled with the sounds of African instruments and a bustling market. Audience interaction abounds as our skilled performers bring to life Anansi, poquoi and trickster hare tales. Sing-alongs, stories and humor help celebrate world cultures, language and oral tradition in this inventive and high energy production!

JACKIE ROBINSON (Best for Grades K-5)

This baseball star played an important role in integrating professional sports. His story is showcased in a production which is heartwarming, lively and interactive. Young audiences join Jackie as he learns valuable lessons from his mother, then cheer him on as he scores his first home run as a professional baseball player. Volunteers even join Jackie onstage to help him overcome bullying without fighting back. The Jackie Robinson story is the perfect complement to Black History celebrations and inspires young people to do what is right, follow their dreams and never give up.

FREEDOM SONGS: THE MUSIC OF BLACK HISTORY

(Best for Grades 3-Adult)

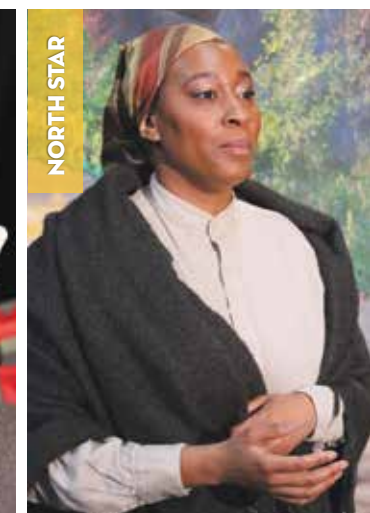
This hit musical revue is one of our most sought after productions. Join our energetic actors in this entertaining musical revue of the history of Black Music! From the work songs of slavery ("Hoe Emma Hoe") and the hymns of the Underground Railroad ("Follow the Drinking Gourd") to the blues of Beale Street and the anthems of the Civil Rights Movement, music has always been an integral part of our nation's past. In this production, our actor/singers tell the stories behind these famous and forgotten hymns, worksongs and musical styles while sampling songs that spread across continents, genres and centuries.



BARNYARD BULLY



BLACK HISTORY HALL OF FAME



NORTH STAR

QUOTES & REVIEWS!

“I was thoroughly impressed with your ability to bring history to life. **I thought the play was just beautiful.**”

- FIRST CREEK MIDDLE SCHOOL
TACOMA, WA

“So impressed! An incredibly written show and great actors. I don't think I really knew what to expect, but the kids were approaching the actors after the show to tell them how great they were and how much they learned. It touched on so much in such an entertaining way. **I am sure the kids will not forget it!**”

- JOYNER ELEMENTARY MAGNET SCHOOL
RALEIGH, NC

“Our entire experience with Bright Star Theatre was positive, from the booking process to the presentations and the actors. **They were truly amazing performers.** From the very first moment our students entered the room until the final questions, they captured our students' attention. They connected with the audience in ways I have generally not seen in assembly programs. Their talent, professionalism, and ability to connect with their audience is truly commendable!”

THE HILLSIDE SCHOOL
MACUNGIE, PA

★ TOUR 12 JAN. 23 - MAR. 11, 2017 Choose 1, 2, or all 3 shows!

MEET DR. KING (Best for Grades Pre-K-5)

For your youngest audiences we are proud to present this production that celebrates the life and work of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. in an accessible and easy-to-follow story. Students will learn about key moments in the life of Dr. King from his childhood in Atlanta, Georgia and the important lessons passed down by his father, to some of his greatest moments as an inspiring leader. *Meet Dr. King* is the perfect introduction to an American hero and will inspire young audiences to use peace, leadership and conflict resolution in their own schools and communities.

NEW

THE GREATEST: SPORTS HEROES A TO Z (Best for Grades Pre-K-5)

This exciting, energetic production celebrates some of the greatest sports heroes of all time! Young audiences will be introduced to a ton of amazing athletes including Babe Ruth, Michael Jordan, Jackie Joyner-Kersey, Peyton Manning, Jackie Robinson and many more. This fun and engaging review of the world's greatest sports heroes includes fun facts and important lessons about perseverance, health, wellness and integrity. Your young audience will be cheering for more by the end of this adventure in sports from A to Z!

NEW

BLACK HISTORY HEROES, SOLDIERS & SPIES

(Best for Grades 3-Adult)

We've created a new show that celebrates some of the many stories of Black American heroes. In this production, audiences will have an opportunity to experience the work of the Buffalo Soldiers, including Colonel Charles Young, as they explore and settle the American West. They will also join the Tuskegee Airmen as they take flight to help win World War II. This play also highlights the work of spies such as Mary Elizabeth Bowser who worked for the Union during the Civil War. This exciting and interactive production will captivate audiences as they are drawn into some of the most unique and exciting stories from Black History.

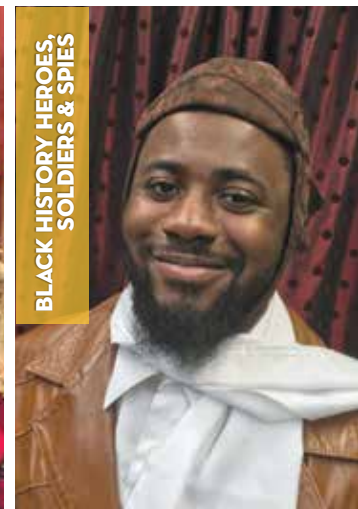
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THE GREATEST:
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BLACK HISTORY HEROES,
SOLDIERS & SPIES





HAPPILY EVER AFTER



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JACK'S ADVENTURE IN AMERICAN HISTORY



TOUR 14

MAR. 13 - MAY 13, 2017

Choose 1, 2, or all 3 shows!

GUS GOES GREEN: A STEM ADVENTURE (Best for Grades Pre-K-5)

Gus, our giant dog puppet, leads your audience on a STEM-inspired adventure around the globe. He uses clever resources to find creative solutions for a thirsty man in the desert, a wacky inventor, a toy maker and one very funny bug. Audience volunteers join Gus on stage to engineer a device for gathering water, build a unique toy from recycled materials and more! By the end of the play Gus and his friends use Science, Technology, Engineering and Math to find smart solutions to real-life issues. This show is designed to encourage young people to help the Earth through recycling, energy conservation and creative thinking.

PROFESSOR PARSNIP'S LAB OF HEALTHY CHOICES

(Best for Grades Pre-K-5)

Wacky Professor Parsnip takes your young audiences on an adventure through science—while teaching lessons on how to make good choices in diet, exercise and environment along the way. Exciting science experiments from the lab of Professor Parsnip reinforce healthy habits and good character traits. Interactive and fun, this year's production features a variety of brand new and even more impressive science experiments.

AMERICAN GIANTS OF SCIENCE (Best for Grades 2-8)

Thomas Edison, Dian Fossey, Benjamin Franklin, Steve Jobs and more all make their appearance in this fast-paced show. In a whirlwind tour through time, your young audience meets some of America's most famous inventors and scientists. The best part of this program is the audience interaction. We feature audience volunteers onstage that help Ben Franklin fly his kite, work with Alexander Graham Bell on placing a phone call and so much more. This rollicking educational adventure is laugh-out-loud funny.



TOUR 13

MAR. 13 - MAY 6, 2017

Choose 1, 2, or all 3 shows!

HAPPILY EVER AFTER (Best for Grades Pre-K-5)

Get ready to laugh out loud at our hilarious renditions of some of the best from the Grimm Brothers' iconic works. In this 45-minute (not-so-grim) adventure, our engaging performers transform into *Rapunzel*, *Little Red Riding Hood*, *Rumpelstiltskin* and *The Elves and the Shoemaker*. This fairy tale inspired production is the perfect cap to your school year. Loaded with audience participation and an endless stream of laughs, this show will leave your audiences shouting for more!

UPCYCLED CINDERELLA (Best for Grades Pre-K-5)

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JACK'S ADVENTURE IN AMERICAN HISTORY

(Best for Grades 2-6)

Join Jack as he crams for his upcoming test. When his history book magically bursts, Jack meets some of the most exciting people in our nation's history! George Washington, Ben Franklin, Henry Ford and Neil Armstrong are just some of the 22 characters who show up in this high-energy adventure. Audience volunteers help write the Constitution, work on Ford's assembly line and even demand the right to vote.



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PROFESSOR PARSNIP'S
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AMERICAN GIANTS OF SCIENCE



BUILDING STORIES



THE VELVETEEN RABBIT



ALICE IN WONDERLAND



TOUR 15

JUN. 5 - AUG. 5, 2017

Choose 1, 2, or all 3 shows!

NEW

BUILDING STORIES (Best for Grades Pre-K-5)

Plot, summary, characters and settings can be confusing things to learn about. Join our actor-educators as they take your audience on an adventure through what makes up a story. In one portion of the show your audience contributes to the play to create an original story, while learning all the different parts of what goes into making one. This show is designed to get young people excited about reading and writing while encouraging them to gain a better understanding of the fundamentals of stories.

THE VELVETEEN RABBIT (Best for Grades Pre-K-5)

This literary classic is routinely named one of the top books for children. It is a heartwarming story of a stuffed rabbit and its quest to become real. The story celebrates unconditional love and real beauty with a strong anti-bullying message. Join our professional actors as they bring to life this engaging and sweet story with imaginative costumes and captivating skill.

NEW

ALICE IN WONDERLAND (Best for Grades Pre-K-5)

The Lewis Carroll literary classic is magically brought to life in this 45-minute adventure. Join Alice on her journey into the rabbit hole, packed with some eccentric and fantastical characters who take your audience on an imaginative ride. Since 1865 this literary classic has been a favorite among young readers and we can't wait to bring it to life. Join the Queen of Hearts, the Cheshire Cat, the Mad Hatter and Alice on this adventure in Wonderland.

QUOTES & REVIEWS!

“ I wanted to take a moment to thank you for the wonderful performance that you provided today at Pineville Elementary. Your team definitely made a great hiring choice in the actors for this tour! They were wonderful to work with and really engaged our students. I am getting great feedback from students and staff. The show was such a thoughtful and thought-provoking production! Thanks for bringing these stories and legendary figures to life and making them **so memorable for our students**. Your hard work makes a difference! ”

- PINEVILLE ELEMENTARY
PINEVILLE, NC

“ Our children really enjoyed the performance last week! **The actors were fantastic**. Thank you all for another successful program. We look forward to next year as we start looking to book another program. ”

MARSHALL PRIMARY
MARSHALL, SC

“ We really enjoyed the performances by Bright Star. I have had comments from teachers as well as students and they are all positive. I got to watch both shows. The younger kids laughed and laughed. There was so much audience participation, which is awesome to keep the younger kids involved. The other show definitely had a different tone, but **the kids were very attentive and involved**. My son told his dad and sister all about it at dinner that night. Thank you for providing great theatre shows for kids. We look forward to next year. ”

- ANDREW BUCHANAN ELEMENTARY
CHAMBERSBURG, PA



GUS GOES GREEN:
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STORYBOOK TALES:
PINOCCHIO & ROBIN HOOD



AMERICAN GIANTS OF SCIENCE

★ TOUR 17

JUN. 19 - JUL. 29, 2017

Choose 1, 2, or all 3 shows!

THE LADY OF BULLYBURG (Best for Grades Pre-K-5)

Our acclaimed anti-bullying fairy tale is celebrating 13 years on the road! Schools and educators across the country have heralded this production with literally changing the climate of their school. Join Lady Kindness as she saves her town from a visiting bully while learning a variety of empowering tools along the way. You will love this classic show!

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★ TOUR 16 JUN. 19 - JUL. 29, 2017

Choose 1, 2, or all 3 shows!

GUS GOES GREEN: A STEM ADVENTURE (Best for Grades Pre-K-5)

Gus, our giant dog puppet, leads your audience on a STEM-inspired adventure around the globe. He uses clever resources to find creative solutions for a thirsty man in the desert, a wacky inventor, a toy maker and one very funny bug. Audience volunteers join Gus on stage to engineer a device for gathering water, build a unique toy from recycled materials and more! By the end of the play Gus and his friends use Science, Technology, Engineering and Math to find smart solutions to real-life issues. This show is designed to encourage young people to help the Earth through recycling, energy conservation and creative thinking.

STORYBOOK TALES: PINOCCHIO & ROBIN HOOD

(Best for Grades Pre-K-5)

Our hilarious actors will have your young audience laughing in the aisles with this production of Pinocchio and Robin Hood. Packed with audience interaction, this 45-minute adventure is brimming with character education lessons, audience participation and plenty of puns to bring these literary classics to life in an unforgettable fashion.

AMERICAN GIANTS OF SCIENCE (Best for Grades 2-8)

Thomas Edison, Dian Fossey, Benjamin Franklin, Steve Jobs and more all make their appearance in this fast-paced show. In a whirlwind tour through time, your young audience meets some of America's most famous inventors and scientists. The best part of this program is the audience interaction. We feature audience volunteers onstage that help Ben Franklin fly his kite, work with Alexander Graham Bell on placing a phone call and so much more. This rollicking educational adventure is laugh-out-loud funny.



THE LADY OF BULLYBURG



UPCYCLED CINDERELLA



HAPPILY EVER AFTER

DID YOU KNOW?

BOOKING A SHOW



All of our plays are around 45-minutes long.



You can bring in multiple shows on the same day, from the same tour. We can even serve younger audiences and older audiences with entirely different shows!



Our prices are 100% all-inclusive with all travel expenses, study guide access, post-show question & answer session and much more.



We can do a show in absolutely any space. We bring everything we need with us with no technical needs or special requirements. We transform any space into our theatre, complete with a set, costumes and props.



We perform for audiences of all types from pre-schoolers to adult business leaders. Contact us to find out the best program to suit your target audience.



Our professional actors/educators join us from across the country from New York City to Los Angeles and all states in between.



Take advantage of our block-booking rates and bring in programs ranging from science to literary classics. You can work with one company for all of your programs this year... the team at Bright Star!

SCHOOL PRICES:

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*Same tour, same day, same performance space.
Mix and match shows from the same tour.

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*Same tour, same day.
Mix and match between branches.

THEATRE PRICES:

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OUR PRICES INCLUDE:

Plays of your choice
All travel expenses
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Ask about our theatre camps! (Great for Summer, Spring Break or anytime!)



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