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National Touring Production of *Jackie Robinson* to Perform Locally

Bright Star Touring Theatre, a national professional touring theatre company, is visiting the area with their production of *Jackie Robinson*. This 45-minute play is best appreciated by audiences in Pre-K to 5th grade and for family audiences.

The production celebrates the achievements of Jackie Robinson, highlighting some of the best moments of his career and explaining his role in ending segregation. Erin Schmidt, Director of Development for Bright Star, says she hopes the performance will help young audiences understand why it is important to stand up for what is right without using violence. "Our shows have lots of interaction and bring big moments to life," says Schmidt. "When you see Jackie Robinson scoring his first home run right in front of you, even when he is being treated so unfairly, it's hard not to be inspired. We hope the play will encourage audiences to find good role models and use good leadership skills.

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 Pirate of Bully Bay* 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. 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 plays. Information about all their interactive shows, including videos, photos, availability, study guides and more is available online at www.brightstartheatre.com.

Bright Star Touring Theatre will appear at:

Venue and Venue Address: _____

Date and Time: _____

Contact Person for Event: _____

Contact Information: _____