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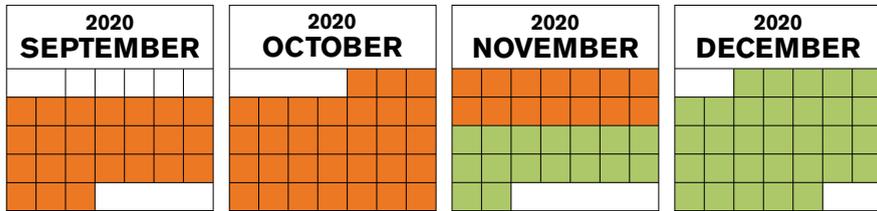
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**BULLY PREVENTION • HOLIDAYS
BLACK HISTORY • STEM • LITERATURE**

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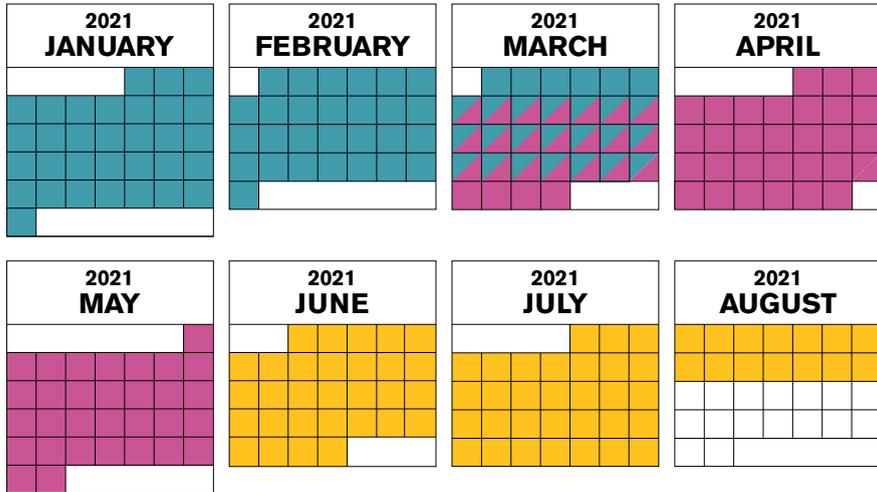


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WELCOME TO OUR 2020-2021 SEASON!

Welcome to the 18th season at Bright Star Touring Theatre - America's leader in Black History and Bully Prevention programming for young audiences. It's appropriate that, in the year our company is old enough to vote, we bring back one of our favorite shows - *USA to Z!* - a show that teaches students how the American political system works. We also have amazing Bully Prevention shows this fall and our first ever Hispanic Heritage show - *Bienvenidos! Hispanic Heroes, Folktales and Cultures*.

Our very popular single day Bully Prevention residency program, "Operation Friendship", is back! Along with our popular Holiday and Black History shows.

We are very excited about some shows next spring that are built to help schools celebrate Earth Day and address environmental issues, and Summer 2021 promises to be a fun time on the farm as we celebrate "Tales and Tails" in the summer.

Our 18th season promises to be the best yet. We can't wait to work with you!



BOOKING IS EASY AS 1, 2, 3!

1. PICK A SHOW

Or multiple shows! You can choose 1, 2, or all 3 shows from the same tour, and if you want multiple dates from different tours, we have great block-booking rates.

2. FIND A DATE

Our tours are now easily labeled for the season they are touring. Remember, it's always best to have a few dates in mind.

- FALL
- HOLIDAY
- WINTER
- SPRING
- SUMMER

3. REACH OUT!

You can give us a call at **(336.558.7360)**, send an email to – **booking@brightstartheatre.com**, or check our website – **BrightStarTheatre.com**



FALL TOURS

{SEPTEMBER 6 – NOVEMBER 14}

Featuring

USA to Z

“A Tell-Tale Tale” The Stories and Poems of Edgar Allan Poe

“Bienvenidos!” Hispanic Heroes, Folktales and Cultures

Bullied

Captain Friendship and the Bully Bandit

FrankenSTEM

Friend Request

Igor and the Masters of STEM

The Lady of Bullyburg

The Legend of Sleepy Hollow

Little Red and the Big Bully Wolf

Maximus Mars: An Intergalactic Bully Prevention Adventure

The Pirate of Bully Bay

We Can Do It: American Women in History

The Wizard of Oz

AND MORE!

FALL TOUR 1

Bully Prevention and More {September 6 – November 7}



LADY OF BULLYBURG

★ Bully Prevention, Character Education

👣 Best for Grades Pre-K–5

The Lady of Bullyburg is our longest running bully prevention production! It has been heralded by educators and librarians for its power to change lives through lessons of friendship and kindness. Join Lady Kindness as she saves her town from a visiting bully while learning a variety of empowering tools along the way. A fairy tale that helps young audiences learn that a world built on kindness is not just a fantasy, *The Lady of Bullyburg* is also a perfect choice to go with our “**Operation Friendship**” single-day Bully Prevention Residency program! (see page 28)



FRIEND REQUEST

★ Bully Prevention, Character Education

👣 Best for Grades 3–8

A series of fun but serious vignettes, *Friend Request* explores bullying wherever it happens - not only at school or on the bus, but also on social media and online. This Bully Prevention show gives your audience practical ways to address issues like cyberbullying, online safety, and understanding the difference between online friends and friends in real life. Plus, you can make it a part of our whole-school bully prevention package – “**Operation Friendship**!” (see page 28)



THE WIZARD OF OZ

★ Classic Literature

👣 All Ages

Follow comedic duo Lenny and Mabel down the yellow brick road to the land of Oz and meet all of your favorite characters along the way! Gain courage with the Cowardly Lion, take heart with the Tin Man, and find your wits with the Scarecrow in this fun interactive retelling of the L. Frank Baum classic.

FALL TOUR 2

Bully Prevention and More {September 13 – November 7}

THE PIRATE OF BULLY BAY

★ Bully Prevention, Character Education

👤 Best for Grades Pre-K–3

Ahoy Maties! This seafaring tale teaches young buccaneers how to navigate the choppy waters of friendship. Audiences learn how to recognize, report and stand up to bullying. It's also a perfect accompaniment to our whole school bully prevention program – “Operation Friendship!” Book Your Pirate Adventure Today! (see page 28)



MAXIMUS MARS: AN INTERGALACTIC BULLY PREVENTION ADVENTURE

★ Bully Prevention, Character Education

👤 Best for Grades 3–8

In a world where technology and society are changing at the speed of light, our hero, Maximus Mars, stands ready to challenge bullies wherever they may be found – in real life, online, or out of this world! *Maximus Mars* explores the challenges that students face in the modern world – cyberbullying, electronic media, texting and more. Make Maximus Mars part of an “Operation Friendship” whole school bully prevention package. (see page 28)



“BIENVENIDOS!” HISPANIC HEROES, FOLKTALES, AND CULTURES

★ History, Multicultural Education

👤 All Ages

Spanish speaking cultures can be found all over the globe in a wide variety of countries. “Bienvenidos!” takes a look at the wide variety of Hispanic cultures giving audiences a sense of their breadth and depth. This play is a perfect complement to celebrations of Hispanic Heritage Month or any time of year that you want to hear a good story!



FALL TOUR 3

Bully Prevention and More {September 13 – November 7}

LITTLE RED AND THE BIG BULLY WOLF

★ Bully Prevention, Character Education

👤 Best for Grades Pre-K–3

The woods are scary enough without having to worry about a big bully howling in the shadows! Follow Little Red and meet her friends – the three little pigs, the boy who cried wolf, and more – as they learn to face their fears and stand up to the Big Bully Wolf! Funny, dramatic, and highly entertaining, this one is a great fit for “Operation Friendship” – our whole school bully prevention package. (see page 28)



BULLIED

★ Bully Prevention, Character Education

👤 Best for Grades 3–8

This serious and dramatic story takes a close look at the effects of bullying on both the bullied and the bully. Specially designed for middle grades, this has been one of our most effective and powerful bully prevention shows. Engaging, important and impactful, *Bullied* makes a great complement to our “Operation Friendship” whole-school bully prevention package. (see page 28)



WE CAN DO IT: AMERICAN WOMEN IN HISTORY

★ History, Character Education

👤 All Ages

Celebrate the 100th anniversary of the signing of the 19th Amendment with our show *We Can Do It: American Women In History*. This is the perfect show to inform and inspire audiences - girls and boys alike! Discover incredible and groundbreaking women like Amelia Earhardt, Harriet Tubman, Susan B. Anthony, Madame CJ Walker, and more! Honor the women of America by bringing this show to your venue!



FALL TOUR 4

Bully Prevention and More {September 20 – November 7}

CAPTAIN FRIENDSHIP AND THE BULLY BANDIT

- ★ Bully Prevention, Character Education
- 🚶 Best for Grades Pre-K–5

Captain Friendship is our super fun, super impactful, superhero themed bully prevention circus adventure! Audiences learn to stand up to the Bully Bandit and find that kindness is the ultimate super-power! Help your students find their bully prevention super-power with our “Operation Friendship” package. (see page 28)



IGOR AND THE MASTERS OF STEM

- ★ History, STEM
- 🚶 Best for Grades K–8

Now that he has the keys to the lab, Igor has been busy engineering new and exciting inventions. His latest invention transports ancient and modern day masters of Science, Technology, Engineering and Math to YOUR stage, bringing these STEM masters to life! Meet ancient mathematicians like Aryabhata and Pythagoras, along with scientists like Sir Isaac Newton, Madame Curie and more!



A TELL-TALE TALE: THE STORIES AND POEMS OF EDGAR ALLAN POE

- ★ Literacy, Literature
- 🚶 Best for Grades 3–Adult

No one tells a story quite like the great Edgar Allan Poe! In *A Tell-Tale Tale* these spooky and clever stories and poems come to life before your very eyes. This show blends rich language with expert storytelling to produce an exciting, and educational, language arts experience! Stories include “The Tell-Tale Heart,” “The Raven,” “The Bells” and more!



FALL TOUR 5

Bully Prevention and More {September 20 – November 14}

FRANKENSTEM

- ★ STEM
- 🚶 Best for Grades K–5

Dr. Frank N. Stein is one of the world’s most famous scientists. Along with his trusty assistant, Igor, Dr. Stein has created some of the world’s most amazing inventions! But those inventions would be nothing without YOUR imagination. It will take Science, Technology, Engineering and Math to make his latest masterpiece come to life! Back by popular demand, see why audiences made this our most popular STEM show ever!



THE LEGEND OF SLEEPY HOLLOW

- ★ Literacy, Literature
- 🚶 Best for Grades 2–Adult

Experience Washington Irving’s tale of Ichabod Crane and the Headless Horseman! A delightful retelling that is just spooky enough to delight any audience as the days get shorter, the air gets colder, and the nights turn long and dark. A perfect introduction to this literary classic.



USA TO Z

- ★ History
- 🚶 Best for Grades 3–8

Just in time for election season! Join Lady Liberty and Uncle Sam as they take audiences on a journey through America. Students will learn how the political process works, the differences between the various branches of government and what it means to live and vote in a democracy. This special show is designed to encourage citizenship by teaching audiences how they can contribute to their own communities.



HOLIDAY TOURS

{NOVEMBER 15 – DECEMBER 22}

Featuring

A Dickens Tale

Holidays Around the World

Stone Soup and Other Heartwarming Tales

The Velveteen Rabbit

Winter Fables

PLUS

CAMPS, WORKSHOPS AND RESIDENCIES!

HOLIDAY TOUR 1

A Season of Celebrations {November 15 - December 22}



THE VELVETEEN RABBIT

★ Literacy, Literature

👣 Best for Grades Pre-K–3

A special gift for a young boy opens up a heartwarming tale of childhood and imagination. Through thick and thin, this story shows us how much care it takes to hold on to special friends, and how important it is to sometimes let those things go. With endearing costumes and unforgettable characters, the Velveteen Rabbit is sure to appeal to your young audience. Based on the classic tale by Margery Williams Bianco, this show examines what it means to love and what it means to be real.



HOLIDAYS AROUND THE WORLD

★ Multicultural Holidays

👣 Best for Grades K–8

When the tour guides for Worldwide Tours get separated at holiday time, a worldwide adventure awaits. Our most popular holiday production, this show celebrates holidays from all over the globe – the Lohri Festival, St. Lucia Day, Hanukkah, Kwanzaa, Christmas and more!



A DICKENS TALE

★ Holidays

👣 All Ages

Perfect for young and old alike, *A Dickens Tale* brings Charles Dickens' classic "A Christmas Carol" to life in front of your very eyes. Join old Scrooge, bumbling Bob Cratchit, Tiny Tim, old Jacob Marley and the ghosts of Christmas Past, Present and Future while discovering the true meaning of the season.

HOLIDAY TOUR 2

A Season of Celebrations {November 15 - December 22}

STONE SOUP AND OTHER HEARTWARMING TALES

★ Holidays

👤 Best for Grades Pre-K–5

The Holiday season is about the spirit of giving and learning to share with others no matter our circumstances. Three classic short stories – “Stone Soup,” “The Gift of the Magi,” and “The Drum” – help young audiences learn about what it means to give a gift with an open heart.



WINTER FABLES

★ Holidays, Literacy, Literature

👤 Best for Grades Pre-K–5

Come check out our new and improved version of this seasonal classic! *Winter Fables* is an imaginative show that features some of winter’s most well-known tales and lessons. Join the Ant as he prepares for winter, the Grasshopper who doesn’t, the city mouse, the country mouse, and more in this seasonal adventure for young audiences.



HOLIDAYS AROUND THE WORLD

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5 STAR REVIEWS

“The actors were SO WONDERFUL and did a great job telling us the Christmas Carol story! Everyone who attended loved it, especially the kiddos who got to take part in the play!”

Corporate Sponsor • Naperville, Illinois



“I love Bright Star Theatre and have never been disappointed with a performance. The process was so easy. The kids loved it and so did the parents.”

Youth Services Librarian • Wilson, North Carolina



“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 for your contributions to our annual event!”

George Washington Carver National Monument • Diamond, MO

WINTER TOURS

{JANUARY 3 – MARCH 27}

Featuring

Aesop's Fables

African Folktales

Black History Hall of Fame

Black History Heroes, Soldiers and Spies

Freedom Songs: The Music of Black History

George Washington Carver and Friends

Happily Ever After

Heroes of the Underground Railroad

Jackie Robinson

Let it Shine: The American Civil Rights Movement 1955-1968

Meet Dr. King

Once Upon a Time...

Rosa Parks and Friends

Struggle for Freedom: The Life of Dr. King

PLUS

CAMPS, WORKSHOPS AND RESIDENCIES!

WINTER TOUR 1

Black History and More {January 3 - March 20}



AESOP'S FABLES

★ Literacy, Literature, Character Education

👣 Best for Grades Pre-K-5

Perfect for younger audiences, these classic tales entertain but also share a strong message about treating others fairly and knowing right from wrong. Stories like "The Boy Who Cried Wolf," "The Tortoise and The Hare," and "The Lion and The Mouse" leave audiences with a message that is both timely, and timeless!

HEROES OF THE UNDERGROUND RAILROAD

★ Black History, Character Education

👣 Best for Grades 2-8

Hear the heroic stories of the brave men and women who dared to escape slavery, and the people who risked everything to help them along the way. Meet Harriet Tubman, Henry "Box" Brown, Frederick Douglass, and more amazing historical figures in this incredible show of true American Heroes.

LET IT SHINE: THE AMERICAN CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT 1955-1968

★ Black History, Character Education

👣 Best for Grades 3-Adult

This acclaimed show focuses on the tumultuous years between 1955 and 1968 and shines a light on important milestones in our history, including: the Montgomery Bus Boycott, the Sit-In Movement, the Freedom Riders, the March on Washington, and more. Through stories and song, *Let It Shine* shows the high price that was paid by those who fought for equal rights during this turbulent time.



READY TO BOOK? Call us at (336) 558-7360 13

WINTER TOUR 2

Black History and More {January 3 - March 20}

AFRICAN FOLKTALES

★ Black History, World Literature

👣 Best for Grades Pre-K-5

From the desert lands of the Sahara to the plains of the Serengeti to Mount Kilimanjaro and beyond – join a variety of characters from a wide range of cultures in stories that celebrate the various folk tale traditions of the continent of Africa. African music helps to set the stage for these energetic stories. Our stories include Anansi, *porquoi* tales and many facts and figures about this incredible continent.



JACKIE ROBINSON

★ Black History, Character Education

👣 Best for Grades K-5

Follow the life of Jackie Robinson, the first black baseball player to cross the color lines in the Major Leagues in this wonderful biographical tale. A real-life hero and a tribute to the power of persistence and determination, see why Jackie Robinson has inspired so many people both in and out of sports!



FREEDOM SONGS: THE MUSIC OF BLACK HISTORY

★ Black History

👣 Best for Grades 3-Adult

From the work songs of the fields to the blues of Beale Street and on to modern day Rock and Roll, this play follows the compelling story of the role that music played in the history of Black Americans. Musicians like Scott Joplin, Billy Holladay, Little Richard and more come to life in a tale that is sure to intrigue audiences of all ages!



WINTER TOUR 3

Black History and More {January 10 - March 13}

ONCE UPON A TIME...

★ Literacy, Literature

👣 Best for Grades Pre-K-5

Join Lenny and Mabel, “The Greatest Actors in the World,” as they bring two classic tales to the stage. Dance at the ball with Cinderella and challenge the giant with Jack and the Beanstalk as these stories come to life in front of your very eyes! Fun and interactive, this show is great for younger audiences or anyone who is young at heart.



GEORGE WASHINGTON CARVER AND FRIENDS

★ Black History, STEM

👣 Best for Grades Pre-K-5

Black History heroes laid the groundwork for some of the most amazing discoveries of the modern era, especially when it comes to Science, Technology, Engineering and Math. Meet incredible scientists, entrepreneurs and groundbreakers from Black History – including Madame CJ Walker, Jackie Robinson, Thurgood Marshall and more!



STRUGGLE FOR FREEDOM: THE LIFE OF DR. KING

★ Black History, Character Education

👣 Best for Grades 3-Adult

Follow Dr. King’s life from his time as a young boy in Georgia, to meeting his wife, Coretta, to becoming a preacher in Alabama and an important figure on the international stage. A powerful and impacting story, audiences will come to understand that the movement Dr. King helped lead came with a heavy price.



WINTER TOUR 4

Black History and More {January 10 - March 6}

HAPPILY EVER AFTER

★ Literacy, Literature

👤 Best for Grades Pre-K-5

Get ready to laugh out loud at our hilarious renditions of some of the best from the Brothers Grimm catalog. In this (not-so-grim) adventure, our engaging performers transform into *Rapunzel*, *Little Red Riding Hood*, *Rumpelstiltskin* and *The Elves and the Shoemaker*. Sure to please any audience, *Happily Ever After* will make your fairy tale dreams of a perfect show come true!



MEET DR. KING

★ Black History, Character Education

👤 Best for Grades K-5

One of our most popular productions, *Meet Dr. King* helps young people begin to understand the importance of Dr. King and the Civil Rights Movement. Follow along on a journey through the key moments of Dr. King's life. See young Martin experience racism for the first time. Then follow as he meets his wife, Coretta, becomes a pastor, and finally, a national inspiration.



BLACK HISTORY HEROES, SOLDIERS AND SPIES

★ Black History

👤 Best for Grades 3-Adult

History is filled with Black American heroes. In this production audiences learn the stories of some of the most amazing figures like Colonel Charles Young of the Buffalo Soldiers, the Tuskegee Airmen as they take flight to help achieve victory in World War II, and Mary Elizabeth Bowser, whose work as a spy helped the Union during the Civil War. An exciting and interactive production that is sure to intrigue young and old alike!



WINTER TOUR 5

Black History and More {January 24 - March 27}

LITTLE RED AND THE BIG BULLY WOLF

★ Bully Prevention, Character Education

👤 Best for Grades Pre-K-3

The woods are scary enough without having to worry about a big bully howling in the shadows! Follow Little Red and meet her friends – the three little pigs, the boy who cried wolf, and more – as they learn to face their fears and stand up to the Big Bully Wolf! Funny, dramatic, and highly entertaining, this one is a great fit for “**Operation Friendship**” – our whole school bully prevention package. (see page 28)



ROSA PARKS AND FRIENDS

★ Black History, Character Education

👤 Best for Grades K-5

Take a journey through time with Rosa Parks and where some of the most remarkable figures from history come to life. Meet abolitionists like Frederick Douglass, William Lloyd Garrison, Sojourner Truth, and Civil Rights leaders like Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and, of course, Rosa Parks! An important story for any audience, this show gives a remarkable view of the challenges met by these amazing Black Americans. This historical journey will delight and inspire audiences with the triumphant power of the human spirit shown by these true heroes of history.



BLACK HISTORY HALL OF FAME

★ Black History, Character Education

👤 Best for Grades 3-8

So many amazing Americans and so little time to meet them all! Follow us on this amazing journey through Black History as we meet Maya Angelou, Aretha Franklin, Mae Jemison, the Buffalo Soldiers and more. A fast-paced adventure sure to delight any audience, see why *Black History Hall of Fame* has come to be one of our audiences' favorite shows of all time!



SPRING TOURS

{MARCH 7 – MAY 22}

Featuring

Beauty and the Beast

Giants of Science: Earth Day Edition!

Gus Goes Green: A Planet Earth Adventure

Little Red and the Big Bully Wolf

The Story of Anne Frank

Upcycled Cinderella

The Velveteen Rabbit

We Can Do It! American Women In History

The Wizard of Oz

PLUS

CAMPS, WORKSHOPS, AND RESIDENCIES!

SPRING TOUR 1

STEM, Classic Literature and More {March 7 – May 1}



LITTLE RED AND THE BIG BULLY WOLF

★ Bully Prevention, Character Education

👤 Best for Grades Pre-K–3

The woods are scary enough without having to worry about a big bully howling in the shadows! Follow Little Red and meet her friends – the three little pigs, the boy who cried wolf, and more – as they learn to face their fears and stand up to the Big Bully Wolf! Funny, dramatic, and highly entertaining, this one is a great fit for “**Operation Friendship**” – our whole school bully prevention package. (*see page 28*)



UPCYCLED CINDERELLA

★ Literacy, Literature

👤 Best for Grades Pre-K–6

When the scheduled performers fail to arrive for the day’s performance, the facility janitors, “Dustmop” and “Binny,” decide to take over in this hilarious take on the classic fairy tale, Cinderella!

WE CAN DO IT: AMERICAN WOMEN IN HISTORY

★ History, Character Education

👤 All Ages

Celebrate Women’s History Month (March) and the 100th anniversary of the signing of the 19th Amendment with our show *We Can Do It: American Women In History*. This is the perfect show to inform and inspire audiences - girls and boys alike! Discover incredible and groundbreaking women like Amelia Earhardt, Harriet Tubman, Susan B. Anthony, Madame CJ Walker, and more! Honor the women of America by bringing this show to your venue!



SPRING TOUR 2

STEM, Classic Literature and More {March 14 – May 8}

THE VELVETEEN RABBIT

★ Literacy, Literature

👤 Best for Grades Pre-K–3

A special gift for a young boy opens up a heartwarming tale of childhood and imagination. Based on the classic tale by Margery Williams Bianco, this show examines what it means to love and what it means to be real. A wonderful tale for your youngest audiences or anyone who is young at heart.



BEAUTY AND THE BEAST

★ Literacy, Literature, Character Education

👤 Best for Grades Pre-K–5

First published by Gabrielle-Suzanne Barbot de Villeneuve, this is the classic tale of Belle, a young woman whose complicated life leads her to leave her home village to live with a Beast in his mountain castle. Join Lenny and Mabel, the “greatest actors in the world” as they bring this classic work of literature to life. This heartwarming tale shows that beauty is what lies within. See why this fairy tale has been enchanting audiences since 1740.



GIANTS OF SCIENCE: EARTH DAY EDITION!

★ STEM, History

👤 Best for Grades K–8

As long as humans have walked on Planet Earth they have been studying it to learn the secrets of its oceans, animals, and climates. Learn about amazing scientists, conservationists, and entrepreneurs like Rachel Carson, Jane Goodall, John Muir and many, many more! *Giants of Science: Earth Day Edition* is a great way for your school to celebrate the Earth and inspire a new generation of environmentalists.



SPRING TOUR 3

STEM, Classic Literature and More {March 22 – May 23}

GUS GOES GREEN: A PLANET EARTH ADVENTURE

★ STEM

👤 Best for Grades Pre-K–5

Just in time for Earth Day, this play follows “Gus” (a giant dog puppet) who leads audiences on a STEM-inspired adventure around the globe. 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.



THE STORY OF ANNE FRANK

★ Literacy, Literature

👤 Best for Grades 3–Adult

World War II was a desperate and intense time for everyone, but it was especially devastating to the Jewish people living under Nazi rule. Listen to direct accounts from her diary and see the courage of Anne Frank and her family. Their story truly shows the strength of the human spirit in the most challenging of times.



THE WIZARD OF OZ

★ Classic Literature

👤 All Ages

Follow comedic duo Lenny and Mabel down the yellow brick road to the land of Oz and meet all of your favorite characters along the way! Gain courage with the Cowardly Lion, take heart with the Tin Man, and find your wits with the Scarecrow in this fun interactive retelling of the L. Frank Baum classic.



SUMMER TOURS

{JUNE 6 – AUGUST 14}

Featuring

Aesop's Fables

American Tales and Tunes

African Folktales

Barnyard Bully

Beauty and the Beast

Chicken Little: The Sky is Falling!

Gus Goes Green: A Planet Earth Adventure

Old MacDonald's Singalong Farm

Storybook Tales: Pinocchio and Robin Hood

The Velveteen Rabbit

The Wizard of Oz

PLUS

AMAZING SUMMER CAMPS, WORKSHOPS
AND RESIDENCIES!

SUMMER TOUR 1

Summer Reading Programs and More {June 6 – August 7}



THE VELVETEEN RABBIT

★ Literacy, Literature

👣 Best for Grades Pre-K–3

A special gift for a young boy opens up a heartwarming tale of childhood and imagination. Based on the classic tale by Margery Williams Bianco, this show examines what it means to love and what it means to be real. A wonderful tale for your youngest audiences or anyone who is young at heart.



OLD MACDONALD'S SINGALONG FARM

★ Literacy, Literature

👣 Best for Grades Pre-K–5

Everybody on the farm has a favorite song. Join Old Farmer MacDonald, his wife Mrs. MacDonald, Daisy the Cow, Simon the Pig, and all your favorite friends from the farm for a fun and energetic singalong that brings everyone together.



STORYBOOK TALES: PINOCCHIO AND ROBIN HOOD

★ Literacy, Literature

👣 Best for Grades Pre-K–5

Join Lenny and Mabel, "The Greatest Actors In The World," as they bring their traveling show that features Gepetto and his little wooden boy Pinocchio. Learn lessons of responsibility and parental love as Pinocchio struggles to become real. Then travel to England with Maid Marian and the Sheriff of Nottingham as they encounter great capers with the outlaw, Robin Hood! These tales are sure to delight any young audience, or anyone who is young at heart.

SUMMER TOUR 2

Summer Reading Programs and More {June 6 – August 7}

AESOP'S FABLES

★ Literacy, Literature, Character Education

👣 Best for Grades Pre-K–5

These fables from the legendary Greek storyteller, Aesop, have been delighting young and old alike for thousands of years, and they still have a message for us today. Perfect for younger audiences, these classic tales entertain but also share a strong message about treating others fairly and knowing right from wrong. Stories like “The Boy Who Cried Wolf,” “The Tortoise and The Hare,” and “The Lion and The Mouse” leave audiences with a message that is both timely, and timeless!



AMERICAN TALES AND TUNES

★ Literacy, Literature

👣 Best for Grades Pre-K–5

Folk songs and tall tales from across America come to life in this music-filled adventure. We've delved deep into American literature from the Jack Tales of the Appalachian region to the fishing docks of New England and have created a vibrant and energetic show that seamlessly blends these fantastic regional stories with classic American folk songs like “Shenandoah” and “Shady Grove.”



THE WIZARD OF OZ

★ Classic Literature

👣 All Ages

Follow comedic duo Lenny and Mabel down the yellow brick road to the land of Oz and meet all of your favorite characters along the way! Gain courage with the Cowardly Lion, take heart with the Tin Man, and find your wits with the Scarecrow in this fun interactive retelling of the L. Frank Baum classic.



SUMMER TOUR 3

Summer Reading Programs and More {June 13 – August 14}

OLD MACDONALD'S SINGALONG FARM

★ Literacy, Literature

👣 Best for Grades Pre-K–5

Everybody on the farm has a favorite song. Join Old Farmer MacDonald, his wife Mrs. MacDonald, Daisy the Cow, Simon the Pig and all your favorite friends from the farm for a fun and energetic singalong that brings everyone together. From tunes like “Camptown Races” to classic nursery rhymes like “Hey Diddle Diddle,” this fun interactive show has a strong character message of sharing and caring for others and is a great option for our youngest audiences.



BEAUTY AND THE BEAST

★ Literacy, Literature, Character Education

👣 Best for Grades Pre-K–5

First published by Gabrielle-Suzanne Barbot de Villeneuve, this is the classic tale of Belle, a young woman whose complicated life leads her to leave her home village to live with a Beast in his mountain castle. Join Lenny and Mabel, the “greatest actors in the world” as they bring this classic work of literature to life. This heartwarming tale shows that beauty is what lies within. See why this fairy tale has been enchanting audiences since 1740.



CHICKEN LITTLE: THE SKY IS FALLING!

★ Literacy, Literature

👣 Best for Grades 2–5

This show features the classic story of Henny Penny and Chicken Little with a fun modern twist. When Chicken Little gets bonked on the head by an unknown object, confusion reigns in the barnyard until a little critical thinking helps the animals figure out the problem.



SUMMER TOUR 4

Summer Reading Programs and More {June 13 – August 7}

AFRICAN FOLKTALES

★ Black History, World Literature

👤 Best for Grades Pre-K–5

From the desert lands of the Sahara to the plains of the Serengeti to Mount Kilimanjaro and beyond – join a variety of characters from a wide range of cultures in stories that celebrate the various folk tale traditions of the continent of Africa. African music helps to set the stage for these energetic stories. Our stories include Anansi, *porquoi* tales and many facts and figures about this incredible continent.



BARNYARD BULLY

★ Bully Prevention, Character Education

👤 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.



GUS GOES GREEN: A PLANET EARTH ADVENTURE

★ STEM

👤 Best for Grades Pre-K–5

Follow “Gus” (a giant dog puppet) who leads audiences on a STEM-inspired adventure around the globe. 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.



DID YOU KNOW?

All of our shows come with a handy study guide so that learning goes on in the classroom after the show.



All of our plays are 45-minutes in length, feature two professional actors and include a Q&A for students.



Your school can save \$200 by booking with another school on the same day. Both schools benefit!



Our show prices are 100% all-inclusive. You never pay for travel expenses when you book a show on our tours. Looking for a show that's not touring when you want it? **Give us a call. We can help!**



Our teaching artists come from all over the United States, from California to New York and all states in between. **Last year we performed for over 500,000 audience members!**



In addition to our incredible shows, Bright Star offers camps and residencies (*see pg. 30-31*) and an awesome whole school anti-bullying campaign - “**Operation Friendship**”. *Just turn the page to find out more!*



OPERATION FRIENDSHIP

A Whole-School Bully Prevention Program

Addressing the challenge of bullying has never been more important than it is in schools today. Educators need creative and effective strategies to help students learn to recognize, report and resist bullying behaviors while building supportive friendships filled with joy and encouragement.

Bright Star has the perfect option for schools to battle bullying. Our educational shows and teaching artists provide a fun, creative and interactive experience. Through “Operation Friendship,” positive messaging about how to be a great friend is delivered in a way that is both captivating and easy to understand for audience members of all ages.

PRICING BEGINS AT...

\$1,995 for a single day or

\$1,595 for multiple days/multiple schools in the same district.

Talk to your district coordinator about block booking and rates.

(336) 558 – 7360



OPERATION FRIENDSHIP

How It Works



Book any of our **Bully Prevention Shows** for your school. Choose 1, 2, or 3 performances to fit your schedule and age ranges.



Request the “**Operation Friendship Package**” during your booking. Our booking specialist will then personalize a daily schedule for your school.



After the show, actors will visit classrooms for an extended Q&A and some dramatic role-playing to help students combat bullying.



Every student takes home a special “**Operation Friendship**” pledge card to share with their parents and to make a special pledge to be a great friend during the coming year.



Bright Star supplies an awesome “**Operation Friendship**” banner that serves as a centerpiece for a bulletin board display at your school. As pledge cards are returned, they are hung on and around the banner so you can show your commitment to being a bully-free school!



CAMPS & RESIDENCIES

Hands-On Student Experiences Designed for Dramatic Success!

Bright Star offers amazing camp and residency experiences unlike any other! Our professional teaching artists provide drama instruction to your students and campers. We can create a customized program to deliver a fun, captivating, and educational experience that students and campers will never forget. Bright Star Camps and Residencies tap into the creative power of students' imaginations so that students become the "Bright Stars" of the show!

BRIGHT STAR CAMPS

Camps start at \$2,995 for a five day camp!
(Price dependent on date & location)

BRIGHT STAR RESIDENCY PACKAGES

Packages start at \$1,545 for a single day,
to \$3,995 for a five day residency.

DON'T SEE WHAT YOU WANT?

We can design a program **JUST FOR YOU!** Give us a call to design a program that fits your school's needs.

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CAMPS & RESIDENCIES

What's Included?

BRIGHT STAR CAMPS

- Occurs Out of School
- 3-5 Day Camps... or longer!
- Integrates with Existing Camps
- Customized Program
- Two Professional Teaching Artists
- Enriching Curriculum
- Immersive Drama Experience
- **Option to Add On:**
 - ★ Student Workshops
 - ★ Staff Training
 - ★ Shows

BRIGHT STAR RESIDENCIES

- Occurs During the School Year
- 1-5 Day Packages
- School Teacher Involvement
- Customized Program
- Two Professional Teaching Artists
- Enriching Curriculum
- Immersive Drama Experience
- **Option to Add On:**
 - ★ Student Workshops
 - ★ Staff Training
 - ★ Shows

BRIGHT STAR "ADD-ON" WORKSHOPS

We have great workshops that you can add to your show package. **Starting at just \$200 for a 1-hour workshop**, our professional teaching artists can stay after their show and share hands-on activities with your staff, students, or patrons. If you're looking for a specific topic for your staff, just ask! We'd be happy to design lessons perfect for your school.

WANT TO ADD-ON A WORKSHOP? Call us at (336) 558-7360 31



SHOW PRICING

SCHOOL PRICES STARTING AT:

\$895 for the first show. Each additional show JUST \$250*

Get a Discount! Book with another area school for the same day and BOTH schools receive \$200 off the price of their booking!

**Same tour, back-to-back performances in the same space. You can mix & match shows from the same tour!*

BLOCK BOOKING RATES FOR SCHOOLS STARTING AT:

4 Show Package – \$3,195 (Save \$385)

8 Show Package – \$3,995 (Save \$585)

(4 visits; 2 shows per visit)

Make us your one stop shop for all of your school assemblies!

PUBLIC LIBRARY PRICES STARTING AT:

1 Show: \$495 2 Shows: \$745* 3 Shows: \$995*

Same tour, same day. Local branches can split the cost! \$50 change of location fee applies.

THEATRE PRICES STARTING AT:

1 – 299 SEATS

1 Show: \$995

2 Shows: \$1,345

3 Shows: \$1,645

300 – 599 SEATS

1 Show: \$1,195

2 Shows: \$1,645

3 Shows: \$1,945

600+ SEATS

1 Show: \$1,395

2 Shows: \$1,945

3 Shows: \$2,245

BOOK US BY THE WEEK STARTING AT:

One Week: 10 performances, 10 venues \$6,950 (Save \$2,000)

One Week: 20 performances, 10 venues \$8,450 (Save \$3,000)



HOW TO BOOK

BOOKING IS EASY AS

1, 2, 3!

1 PICK A SHOW

Or multiple shows! You can choose 1, 2, or all 3 shows from the same tour, and if you want multiple dates from different tours, we have great block-booking rates.

2 FIND A DATE

Our tours are now easily labeled for the season they are touring. Remember, it's always best to have a few dates in mind.



3 REACH OUT!

You can give us a call at **(336) 558-7360**
Send an email to – **booking@brightstartheatre.com**
Check out our website – **BrightStarTheatre.com**

CHOOSE 1, 2, OR ALL 3 SHOWS!

PRICES INCLUDE:

- Plays of your choice
- All travel expenses
- Classroom study guides
- Post-show Q&A session

SPECIAL TOURS:

Looking for one of our shows when they aren't on tour? Give us a call! For the additional cost of travel and lodging, we can bring any show, any time.



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