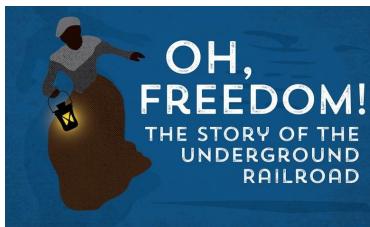


# Professional Acting Company Touring Productions

## OH, FREEDOM! THE STORY OF THE UNDERGROUND RAILROAD

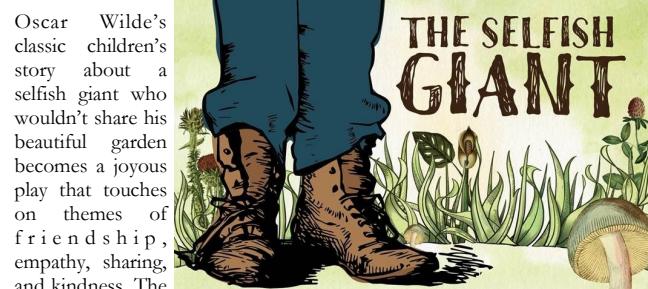
By Peter Manos



The greatest collaboration against racism in American history, before the Civil Rights Movement, was the Underground Railroad. People of all ethnic backgrounds, of both genders, and from North and South came together to resist the oppression of slavery by helping escaped slaves make their way to free territory in the years before the Civil War. *Oh Freedom! The Story of the Underground Railroad* celebrates these alliances by combining the many stories with songs of the period. Famous participants like Harriet Tubman and Harriet Beecher Stowe are represented as well as lesser known heroes of the movement like John Rankin, whose house on a hill was a beacon for freedom; the mysterious "Peg Leg" Joe who moved among the plantations teaching slaves to escape and "Follow the Drinking Gourd," a song designed to show them the way; and Henry "Box" Brown who had himself put in a box and mailed to freedom. *Oh Freedom!* inspires us all to work together for the good of all as it celebrates a time when Americans were at their courageous best, supporting one another—regardless of background, ethnicity or gender—in the cause to extend to all Americans our greatest, most inalienable right: freedom.

\**Oh, Freedom! The Story of the Underground Railroad* is best suited for middle and high school audiences. Available for performances beginning September 27, 2016. Study Guide provided.

## THE SELFISH GIANT Based on the story by Oscar Wilde



Oscar Wilde's classic children's story about a selfish giant who wouldn't share his beautiful garden becomes a joyous play that touches on themes of friendship, empathy, sharing, and kindness. The Selfish Giant comes home from a long trip to find children playing in his garden. He kicks them out, threatening to bring them to justice for trespassing. But a harsh winter—in the form of comic characters Frost, Snow, Hail, and North Wind—brings the realization to the giant that the children who used to trespass in his garden implanted friendship in this special place. The Giant's heart melts in a life-changing moment, and Spring, along with the children, returns to his garden. Audiences will celebrate the gentle message of empathy and kindness in this beautiful show with universal themes.

\**The Selfish Giant* is best suited for elementary school audiences. Available for performance beginning October 18, 2016. Study Guide provided.

## New Stage Theatre's ARTS-IN-EDUCATION PROGRAM Offers Everything!

### New Touring Shows, SchoolFest Matinees, Workshops & Residencies

**ENTERTAINMENT**—*Oh, Freedom! The Story of The Underground Railroad* will be available for performances September 27, 2016—May 5, 2017. *The Selfish Giant* will be available for performances October 18, 2016—May 5, 2017. If you are interested in booking a tour, please contact our education director as soon as possible in order to assure your desired dates. **The cost of one performance is \$575-\$775 depending on travel distance. Additional performances are half the fee of the first performance.** Special discounts are offered when schools book the tour company for a residency of one or two days.

**EDUCATION**—A post performance lecture/talk-back session is available **FREE** of charge. The talk-back sessions give the students a chance to meet the actors and ask questions about literature, acting, and the theatre. New Stage will provide **STUDY MATERIALS** including information packed with details about the scenes in the shows and about the authors—an extra bonus for classroom preparation and adult education. We'll also provide promotional materials to help you publicize the event including press releases, photographs, and event posters!

**RESIDENCIES/WORKSHOPS**—New Stage offers a series of workshops and residencies for your classroom for \$250 an hour without a performance or \$100 if booked in conjunction with a performance. Special rates are available for one-day to five-day residencies. Workshops available include **Creative Drama, Basic Acting, Stand Up With Shakespeare, Dramatizing Stories, & Stage Combat.** Teacher Workshops are available for schools as staff development. We can customize a workshop or residency to fit your needs.

**GRANT AND FUNDING ASSISTANCE**—Matching tour fees may be available from The Mississippi Arts Commission mini-grants programs. New Stage Theatre is on the MAC Artist Roster. **We'll help you with the paperwork and suggest other funding options to assist in bringing live theatre to your community! Contact the New Stage Education Department for more information!**

*The deadline for applying for the Mississippi Arts Commission mini-grants is November 1, 2016. For more information, you may call the Mississippi Arts Commission at 601.359.6030 or visit them online at [www.arts.ms.gov](http://www.arts.ms.gov).*

Original artwork by Thomas Ezell

Don't Miss our Annual Children's Show!  
**Madagascar—A Musical Adventure**  
BASED ON THE DREAMWORKS ANIMATION MOTION PICTURE BOOK BY KEVIN DEL AGUILA ORIGINAL MUSIC AND LYRICS BY GEORGE NORIEGA & JOEL SOMEILLAN



It's the regional premiere of a new musical for all ages (yes, even parents) of the much-loved madcap journey from New York's Central Park Zoo to the beaches of Madagascar. See Alex the Lion, Marty the Zebra, Melman the Giraffe, Gloria the Hippo, and the always-plotting penguins. Their journey goes from the wilderness to just plain wild with King Julien. Join these crack-a-lackin' friends and get ready to MOVE IT MOVE IT.

January 24-27, January 31, February 1-3, 2017  
10:00 a.m. Matinees; Cost \$7 per person

TEACHER TOUR PREVIEW OCTOBER 27, 2016 4:30 PM

Come to New Stage Thursday, October 27 at 4:30 p.m. for a preview of this season's touring shows! Teachers will be treated to a scene from *Oh, Freedom! The Story of the Underground Railroad* and *The Selfish Giant* as well as a brief presentation from Education Director Kerri Sanders on workshop and residency options we can bring to your school! Then stick around for a performance of *Our Town!* A fun and informative evening is guaranteed.

For reservations for our free preview performance, call 601-948-3533, ext. 232.

### SCHOOLFEST MATINEES 10:00 AM WEEKDAY PERFORMANCES

#### *Steel Magnolias*

September 14 & 21, 2016

#### *Our Town*

October 26, 28, November 1 & 3, 2016

#### *A Christmas Story, The Musical*

December 1, 2, 8, 9, 14 & 15, 2016

#### *Madagascar—A Musical Adventure*

January 24, 25, 26, 27, 31, February 1, 2 & 3, 2017

#### *Best of Enemies*

March 1, 3, 7 & 9, 2017

Students attend main stage productions during the school day for the low ticket price of \$7. Discussions with the company follow the special matinees. You will receive comprehensive study guides before the show. Please call 601.948.3533 ext. 222 to reserve seats for your school or class!

New Stage education tours are made possible with the support of Entergy, Blue Cross Blue Shield of MS, The Selby and Richard McRae Foundation, and the Chisholm Foundation

## What Students Are Saying

"*Androcles and the Lion* was funny and good. I liked all the costumes they were all pretty. I learned you shouldn't force people to be your friend if they don't want to be your friend. I liked the mouse the best."

-Shy'Nearia H., Maddox Elementary, Laurel, MS

"My overall reaction to *Mississippi Talking* was AMAZING. The actors were engaging and energetic. The sets were simple, which helped me focus on the acting. The old time costumes helped bring the story to life."

-Shemeka, Laurel Middle School, Laurel, MS

"Martin Luther King Jr.'s speeches were expertly executed and acted with reverence and respect, while still adding a new touch. I loved *Walk, Don't Ride!*"

-Matt B., NW Rankin Middle School, Brandon, MS

## Want Something We're Not Offering?

Contact Education Director Kerri Courtney Sanders to discuss customizing our workshops and classes to the needs of your classroom. New Stage Theatre's Education Department has experience with ongoing semester-length residencies involving students in the classroom. Our Professional Acting Company can come into your school several times a week and teach ongoing creative workshops, culminating in a final production with your students. **Teacher Workshops** are available for schools as staff development.

## What Teachers Are Saying

"*Androcles and the Lion* gives a great message to all; great way to incorporate the theatre/visual arts into the curriculum. Very well-done performance, particularly the message portrayed in the play."

-Leigh Butler, Marshall Elementary, Jackson, MS

"*Mississippi Talking* opened students to visually see the greatness of Mississippi talent. The minimal use of props really makes it easier to follow."

-Vallery Temple, Puckett High School, Puckett, MS

"*Walk, Don't Ride!* was extremely informative and entertaining. As a history teacher, the educational value was fabulous. Excellent production quality! It captured my students' attention and created conversations for the classroom. Extraordinary!"

-Congetta Gieger, South Jones High, Ellisville, MS

"I loved *Androcles and the Lion*. It taught a great lesson to the students. The students learned about the importance of friendship and never giving up on your dreams."

-Cherie Rayborn, Columbia Elementary, Columbia, MS

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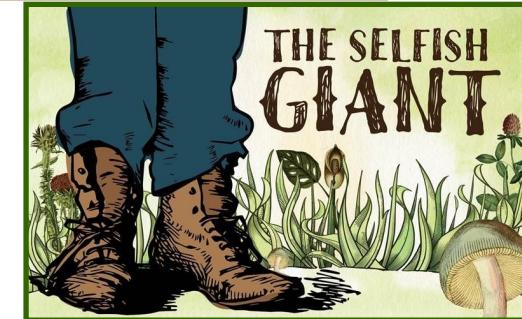
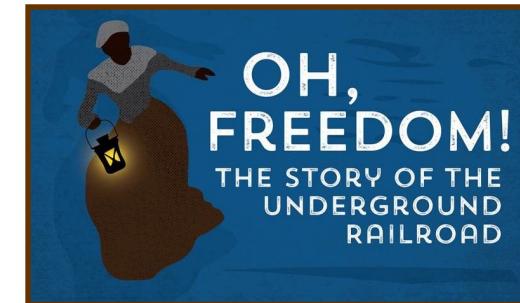
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