



Piney Woods students with the cast of *We Shall Not Be Moved* on March 12, 2025. This show was provided at no cost to the school thanks to the NEA.



St. Andrews faculty members with the cast of *We Shall Not Be Moved* on March 21, 2025.



Callaway High School students with the cast of *We Shall Not Be Moved* on March 20, 2025.



Students and Faculty of East Mississippi Community College with the cast of *We Shall Not Be Moved* on February 27, 2025. This performance was provided as part of EMCC's Black History Month programming.

Student Quotes

"I was amazed by the actors. Their ability to put themselves into character so easily amazed me. The actors did such an excellent job of portraying their characters and the people." -Nina, St. Andrews School, 7th grade student

"I loved learning more about the history of Mississippi and I am very shocked that y'all were able to teach me so much just in 60 minutes." -Sadie, St. Andrews School, 7th grade student

"I thought it was really well prepared and they knew exactly what they were doing." -Thomas, St. Andrews School, 8th grade student

Teacher Quotes

"10/10 - my 7th graders will read *Coming of Age in MS* next year, and this was the perfect primer. There's value in being able to see the things we talk about being acted out - but also, theater touches the soul where movies and books cannot." -Susan Pace, St. Andrews School, English teacher

"I think it was appropriate and important for them to learn about the history of the Civil Rights Movement. It helped them understand the importance of key figures in the movement. Overall the play was wonderful and I hope to see another one in the future. This is not just for the students, but also for everyone to enjoy." -Monroe Hilton, The Piney Woods School, English and History Teacher

"Very educational as we do not have time to cover the Mississippi Civil Rights topic as thoroughly as we should. I think [live theatre] challenges the audience in a more direct way than other media presentations." -Linda Rodriguez, St. Andrews School, 10th grade Honors and AP World History teacher

"My students enjoyed the production. Having just read *Coming of Age in Mississippi*, they liked seeing the novel they finished come to life. The actors were very well-versed. The costumes made it clear that there were different characters despite it being the same actor." -Kayla Bilbo, St. Andrews School, 8th grade ELA teacher

"The actors did a great job and provided convincing performances of their various roles. I enjoyed watching the facial expressions and body language of the performers, because the actors conveyed emotion so well through their non-verbal reactions to words and actions. The set accentuated the action by having words and images associated with the acting and dialogue appearing on screen for the audience to see. The costumes accurately reflected the period, and the minimalist furniture provided a nice way of keeping the audience focused on the actors. Thank you for the wonderful production! New Stage Theater does such a great job with its programming. New Stage Theater is a valuable part of the arts scene in Jackson and Mississippi." -James Foley, St. Andrews School, 11th-12th grade American History and Cold War teacher

"The production of the performance was outstanding! The performance, stage production, costumes, set all demonstrated the essence of the Civil Rights Movement in the South. The acting performance of the young lady who portrayed Ann Moody was stellar! My students liked the play and felt as if they truly were educated on parts or people of the Civil Rights Movement they had never heard of before. The study guide materials helped me to prepare my scholars for the stage performance." -Tonya Moore, Callaway High School, 10th grade English II teacher