

PROGRAM

Catch the Reading Bug

ARTIST NAME

The Wondermakers



AVAILABLE FORMATS

- Performance
- Single Workshop
- Multi-Session Residency Workshop

GRADE LEVELS

- Pre-K
- K – 2nd
- 3rd – 5th
- 6th – 8th
- 9th – 12th

MAX NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS

In-Person: 300
Virtual: 300

PROGRAM LENGTH

60 minutes

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Catch the Reading Bug focuses on the fun we can have with reading books and demonstrates, through story theatre, how to act out the stories that we read. This highly interactive presentation features movement, mime, character work, and humor and can be used in conjunction with the Parents as Reading Partners program or as a stand alone presentation. Three stories are performed and each story has a “bug” in it - as well as other colorful characters.

CURRICULUM STANDARDS

This program supports these NYS or Next Generation Learning Standards:

Standard One; Students will demonstrate appropriate audience behavior at a theatrical performance, including attentive listening to stories.

Standard One: Props and costume pieces will be used to establish characters. Standard Two: Students will attend a theatrical performance.

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EDUCATIONAL OBJECTIVES

EXPERIENCE: Students will experience folktales through story theatre. The students will hear the stories, see the stories being acted out, and participate in articulating the stories through whole audience interaction.

UNDERSTAND: Students will understand the art form of folktales, theatre, and the wonder of reading.

CREATE: students will innovate and be creative through interactions with the performers as they collaborate with the actors to help the characters problem solve.

CONNECT: Students will connect their experience(s) during this program to other life experiences and/or classroom curriculum - the folktales tie in with NY State Standards for the Arts, Language Arts, and Social Studies. The themes of the stories - being a good team player, the importance of friends and families, and being kind to others can help the students with their real life experiences,

VOCABULARY

ENGLAND - England is a country that is part of the United Kingdom. It shares land borders with Wales to its west and Scotland to its north. The Irish Sea lies northwest of England and the Celtic Sea to the southwest.

APRON - a protective or decorative garment worn over the front of one's clothes and tied at the back.

POLAND - a republic in eastern central Europe, on the Baltic Sea.

SHTETL - A shtetl or shtetel is a Yiddish term for the small towns with large Ashkenazi Jewish populations that existed in Eastern Europe before the Holocaust.

BUBBIE - The Yiddish name for grandmother is bubbe. Since Hebrew uses a different alphabet from English, making transliteration necessary, words often exist in several different spellings. Variations of bubbe include bube, bubbie, bubbeh, bobbe, bobeh and bubby.

KNAPSACK - a bag with shoulder straps, carried on the back, and typically made of canvas or other weatherproof material

NORTHERN EUROPE - the area of Europe north of the Alps

POST-PROGRAM ACTIVITIES & RESOURCES

Students send in their pictures and letters--reviewing the show.

Read of story to the class and have the children act it out in the classroom.

EVALUATION:

Were the students able to write or draw their critique of the program? Can they explain how they felt at their favorite part-- happy? excited? etc.

Do students feel comfortable getting up on stage or in front of the class--to give a short speech, do mime or act out a story as the teacher reads it?



ARTIST BIO

The Wondermakers, now in their 25th season, perform interactive story theatre and have given over 3,000 performances throughout New York, Florida, and Ohio.

All Wondermakers performers are professional actors with a commitment to theatre, improvisation and education. The programs tie in closely with State Standards for the Arts, Language Arts, and Social Studies as well as Character Education.

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