

VIRGINIA REP'S CHILDREN'S THEATRE
2015/16 SEASON



VIRGINIA

FIELD TRIPS | IN-SCHOOL TOURS

WHO WE ARE

Virginia Rep's Children's Theatre (formerly Theatre IV) is a nonprofit, professional theatre located in Richmond, Virginia. Since 1975 we have created exciting and innovative theatrical productions for young audiences. Each year we stage six shows at our intimate Children's Theatre in Richmond and we tour national-caliber, educational plays to hundreds of schools and public venues throughout the Commonwealth.

OUR IMPACT:

15,000
students

visited Virginia Rep's
Children's Theatre
in Richmond.

Over
204,000

Virginia students
enjoyed one of
our touring shows
at their school.

Since 1975,
over
1.6 million
Virginia
students
have seen the
ground-breaking
child sexual abuse
prevention play,
Hugs and Kisses.

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THE PLAYS

FALL 2015

Hiawatha

Book by Scott Wichmann, Music by Jason Marks

Early Native American history and culture come thrillingly and factually to life in this fun, musical theatre adventure based on the classic story of young Hiawatha, one of our continent's most important early leaders. Immortalized in Longfellow's 1855 epic poem, Hiawatha peacefully united the Five Nations of the Iroquois Confederacy.

55 minutes

Grades K - 5 Literary Classic, Language Arts, Multi-Cultural, History, Biography, Music

T | **F** Harrisonburg, Norfolk, Warrenton

Sleeping Beauty

Book, Music and Lyrics by Richard R. Giersch

This musical adaptation based on the original story by Charles Perrault follows the plot of the traditional fairy tale, but adds delightful surprises and comic situations and illustrates that "beauty is in the eye of the beholder" and true goodness is found only in a loving heart. **55 minutes**

Grades K - 5 Folk Tales, Language Arts, History, Music, Reading, Character Development

T | **F** Norfolk, Warrenton



T Virginia In-School Tour

F Virginia Field Trip

"The children were enthralled with the performance. The actors and actresses did an excellent job with the story, and the children were entertained with a live theatre experience of a classic."

**— Georgette M. Richards, Principal
St. Edward-Epiphany School**

Aly Wepplo in *Seussical* (4/12).
Photo by Aaron Suttan

FALL 2015 (continued)

Town Mouse and Country Mouse

By Ford Flannagan, Based on Aesop's Fable

When fast-talking Town Mouse touts the abundant riches of the big city, Country Mouse is tempted to move there. Will the riches of town become irresistible or will Country Mouse feel the tug of the different kind of riches left behind? Watch this rock and roll hoe-down musical and find out! **50 minutes**

Grades K - 5 Folk Tale, Fable Language Arts, Literary Classic, Music, Reading, Character Development



The Emperor's Nightingale

By Bo Wilson

The nightingale of Hans Christian Andersen's classic tale is a miracle of love, generosity, and forgiveness in this original musical adaptation. Though the Emperor banishes the nightingale in preference for a jeweled mechanical imitation, the little bird remains faithful and returns years later when the Emperor is near death and no one else can help him. **50 minutes**

Grades K - 5 Folk Tale, Fable Language Arts, Literary Classic, Music, Reading, Character Development




Tales as Tall as the Sky


By Cliff Todd

Designed to encourage interest in books and reading, *Tales as Tall as the Sky* is the story of three children who are in their tree house at the end of the summer and complaining that they have nothing exciting to do. When one produces a book of American tall tales, they begin to explore the wild and adventurous stories of Pecos Bill, John Henry and Hurricane Hallie — bringing to vibrant life this exciting literary genre. **45-50 minutes**

Grades K - 5 Folk Tales, History, Language Arts, Reading



 Virginia In-School Tour

 Virginia Field Trip

Brent Gallahan in *Goodnight Moon*
(7/15). Photo by Jay Paul



(L-R) PJ Freebourn, Pamela Shaw, Jessi Dawn Johnson, and Ashlee Heyward in *'Twas the Night Before Christmas*.
Photo by Jay Paul

HOLIDAY 2015

The Shoemaker and the Christmas Elves

Book, Music and Lyrics by Paul Deiss

A heartwarming, holiday musical! Join us as Virginia Rep takes a yuletide spin on the classic Brothers Grimm fairy tale. Delight in the magical story of a poor Shoemaker and the magical elves who show him the true meaning of Christmas! **55 minutes**

Grades K - 5 Family Ties, Folk Tales, Music, Reading, Self-Esteem, Tales from Other Lands

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Harrisonburg

The Velveteen Rabbit

By Thomas Hammond, Music and Lyrics by Ron Barnett

In the world of toys, life begins when humans leave the room. When one group of toys discovers a velveteen rabbit, they discover what it means to be truly loved. Adapted from the classic book by Margery Williams, *The Velveteen Rabbit* tells the story of the unconditional bond between a boy and his toy bunny and the meaning of becoming "real". **55 minutes**

Grades K - 5 Art, Language Arts, Literary Classic, Music, Reading

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Richmond

'Twas the Night before Christmas

Book, Music and Lyrics by Bruce Craig Miller

Inspired by the timeless poem "A Visit from St. Nicholas" and by the real life of its author, Clement Moore, this hilarious musical introduces Santa in a particularly beneficent light. **55 minutes**

Grades K - 5 Family Ties, Folk Tales, Language Arts, Literary Classic, Biography, Music, Reading, History, Character Development

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Norfolk, Warrenton



(L-R) Todd Patterson, Nicole Wakefield, Ashlee Heyward, and Keydron Dunn in *Harriet Tubman and the Underground Railroad*. Photo by Jay Paul

SPRING 2016

I Have a Dream

By Bruce Craig Miller

The phenomenal impact of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. is chronicled in this compelling dramatization of the life and times of one of the most influential and charismatic leaders of in American history. **55 minutes**

Grades 3 - Adult Biography, Language Arts, History, Multi-Cultural, Public Speaking, Reading, Self-Esteem, Character Development

T | **F** Richmond, Norfolk, Warrenton

Harriet Tubman and the Underground Railroad

Book and Lyrics by Douglas Jones, Music by Ron Barnett

This stirring musical drama is a classic tribute to the great American woman who freed herself and hundreds of her people from the bonds of slavery. **55 minutes**

Grades 3 - 8 History, Language Arts, Biography, Multi-Cultural, Music, Family Ties, Self-Esteem, Women's Studies

T | **F** Harrisonburg

Songs from the Soul

Book by William Dye, Music and Lyrics by Various Artists

This revue of African-American music from slave songs to jazz to blues to rap is not only toe-tapping entertainment, it's also a vital history lesson that teaches pride, responsibility, and respect. The songs illuminate our past and our present as we learn of their transforming impact on our American culture. **45 minutes**

Grades 3 - 8 Language Arts, History, Multi-Cultural, Music

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Arthur Ashe: Champion of Honor

By Bruce Craig Miller

Arthur Ashe, a world-class athlete, author, social activist, and committed husband and father, was a national hero and one of the foremost African American leaders and role models of the 20th century. But, Arthur's life was never without challenge. Arthur Ashe's story is one of character, commitment, and triumph. **50 minutes**

Grades 3 - 8 Biography, Family Ties, Government, History, Multi-Cultural, Reading, Sports

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20,000 Leagues Under the Sea

GRAND PRODUCTION (call for prices)

Based on the book by Jules Verne

Adapted for the stage by Bruce Craig Miller

This riveting adventure beneath the high seas is the perfect way to captivate minds, support the science and geography curricula and introduce young readers to one of the most popular landmarks of world literature. Join Captain Nemo, Professor Elaine Aronnax, and harpooner Ned Land as they explore the undersea world in this electrifying adaptation of a 19th century classic. **55 minutes**

Grades K - 5 Literary Classic, Music, Reading, Science, History

T | **F** Harrisonburg, Norfolk, Warrenton

Croaker – The Frog Prince Musical

Book and Lyrics by Debra Clinton, Music by Jason Marks

When a spoiled princess tosses her golden ball into the well, she encounters a new and unlikely friend named Croaker, who teaches her manners, self-control, and the lesson of being yourself. Featuring a fun and funky score and an amusing script, *Croaker* will delight all ages in this brand new musical. **55 minutes**

Grades K - 5 Art, Language Arts, Literary Classic, Music, Reading

F Richmond

The Wonderful World of Simple Machines

By Bruce Craig Miller

This lively, hands-on introduction to the scientific principles and properties of simple machines will provide your student an unforgettable close encounter with levers, inclined planes, screws, wedges, pulleys, and the wheel and axle. This acclaimed show is sure to educate as well as entertain. **45 minutes**

Grades K - 5 Language Arts, Science

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The Frog Prince

Book and Lyrics by Douglas Jones, Music by Ron Barnett

Based on the classic Brothers Grimm fairy tale, this beautiful musical production of *The Frog Prince* showcases an amphibian ensemble created by internationally acclaimed puppet master Terry Snyder. **55 minutes**

Grades K - 5 Art, Family Ties, Folk Tale, Language Arts, Literary Classic, Music, Puppets, Reading, Character Development

T | **F** Harrisonburg

The Little Red Hen

Based on the traditional folk story, Book, Music and Lyrics by Ford Flannagan

“Who’ll help me make the Bread?” asks the plucky red hen as she begins the process that goes into making a loaf of her delicious bread. “Not us,” say the sheep, the cow, the horse, and the pig. So our plucky hen perseveres until her work is done. Come along on this adventure with a sound moral lesson to this classic, feel good, foot-stompin’ country musical. **45 minutes**

Grades K - 5 Folk Tales, Language Arts, Reading, Science, Music, Peer Pressure, Self Esteem, Character Development

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FALL 2015 AND SPRING 2016

Hugs and Kisses

**Co-produced by Prevent Child Abuse Virginia
and the Virginia Department of Social Services**

**Book and Lyrics by Bruce Craig Miller and Terry Bliss
Music by Richard Giersch**

Nationally acclaimed, this award-winning child sexual abuse prevention musical is a proven intervention program for children in grades K through 5. The play sensitively and inoffensively relates the story of a little girl who is sexually abused. During the course of the play, she learns valuable lessons that enable her to seek and obtain help from a trusted adult. Since 1983, this landmark musical has been presented before the National Committee for Prevention of Child Abuse, the U. S. Senate Subcommittee on Sexual Victimization of Children, and every school district in Virginia. It is a time-tested, early intervention teaching tool and a vital enhancement to your abuse prevention curriculum. *Hugs and Kisses* is supported through a generous grant from the Virginia Department of Social Services and is offered at a fee of \$150-\$350 per performance on a first come, first served basis.

Minimum audience of approximately 300 students or all grades present required for grant. Scholarships are available. Script, Study Guide and Counselor/Parent Information available online at VirginiaRep.org

AVAILABLE FALL AND SPRING TIME: 1 HOUR



“The program addressed issues that students face and explained important difficult topics in a manner that was safe and comfortable.”

— 3rd Grade Teacher,
Henrico County, Virginia

“Several of my students surprised me by coming forward for help after the play. We were able to produce ‘positive outcomes’ for them. I want this play in my school every year.”

— School Counselor,
Northern Virginia

Celebrating over 30 Years of Saving Children’s Lives!

FIELD TRIPS

VIRGINIA FIELD TRIPS 2015-2016

IN RICHMOND

Virginia Rep's Children's Theatre at Willow Lawn,

1601 Willow Lawn Drive, Richmond, VA 23230

PRICES: See below. One adult admitted free with every 10 students.

The House at Pooh Corner

October 15, 16, 20, 21, 22, 23, 27, 28, 29, 30 10:30 am 55 minutes Grades K - 5
November 4, 5, 6, 10, 11, 12, 13 10:30 am

PRICES: \$12 each for groups of 15+. \$18 each for fewer than 15 total seats.

The Velveteen Rabbit

December 1, 2, 3, 4, 8, 10, 11, 15, 16, 17, 18 10:30 am 45 minutes Grades K - 5
December 8, 10 12:30 pm

PRICES: \$12 each for groups of 15+. \$18 each for fewer than 15 total seats.

I Have a Dream

January 27, 28, 29 10:30 am 50 minutes Grades K - 5
February 2, 3, 4, 5, 9, 11, 12, 16, 17, 18, 19 10:30 am

PRICES: \$12 each for groups of 15+. \$16 each for fewer than 15 total seats.

Croaker – The Frog Prince Musical

March 11, 15, 16, 17, 18, 22, 23, 24, 25 10:30 am 55 minutes Grades K - 5
April 5, 6, 7, 8, 12, 13, 14, 15 10:30 am

PRICES: \$12 each for groups of 15+. \$20 each for fewer than 15 total seats.

IN HANOVER

Hanover Tavern, 13181 Hanover Courthouse Road, Hanover, VA 23069

PRICES: \$12 each for groups of 15+. \$16 each for fewer than 15 total seats.

One adult admitted free with every 10 students.

I Have a Dream

January 19, 20 10:30 am 50 minutes Grades K - 5
January 21, 22 9:30 am, 11:30 am

CALL **800-275-5005** TO RESERVE (10 AM - 5 PM, MON - FRI)
OR GO TO **TOUR.VIRGINIAREP.ORG**

IN NORFOLK

Roper Performing Arts Center, Tidewater Community College,
340 Granby Street, Norfolk, VA 23510

PRICES: \$8 each for groups of 15+. \$12 each for fewer than 15 total seats.
One adult admitted free with every 10 students.

Hiawatha

October 1, 2015	10:30 am	55 minutes	Grades K - 5
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Sleeping Beauty

November 16, 2015	10:30 am	50 minutes	Grades K - 5
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'Twas the Night Before Christmas

December 21, 2015	10:30 am	50 minutes	Grades K - 5
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20,000 Leagues Under the Sea

February 1, 2016	10:30 am	55 minutes	Grades K - 5
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I Have a Dream

March 4, 2016	10:30 am	50 minutes	Grades 3+
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“The performers are always very professional about being on time, prepared and cooperative with the school schedule and space. The props, costumes and sets are creative and usually generate questions because they are so interesting. Even the teachers and staff members who are not “on duty” come in to [Virginia Rep] performances.”

— *Lancaster County Teacher*

IN-SCHOOL TOURS

VIRGINIA TOURING SHOWS 2015-2016

VIRGINIA REP WILL COME TO YOUR SCHOOL

Choose your own dates that suit your schedule.

We can bring a production to your school for the subsidized price of \$895. Schools located within 20 miles of each other can schedule shows on the same day for a discounted rate of \$795. We are happy to work within your budget. All performances last approximately 45 to 55 minutes.

FALL 2015

Hiawatha	Grades K - 5
Sleeping Beauty	Grades K - 5
Town Mouse and Country Mouse	Grades K - 5
The Emperor's Nightingale	Grades K - 5
Tales as Tall as the Sky	Grades K - 5
Hugs and Kisses	1 hour, Grades K - 5

HOLIDAY 2015

'Twas the Night Before Christmas	Grades K - 5
The Shoemaker and the Christmas Elves	Grades K - 5

SPRING 2016

I Have a Dream	Grades 3 - Adult
Harriet Tubman and the Underground Railroad	Grades 3 - 8
Songs from the Soul	Grades 3 - 8
Arthur Ashe: Champion of Honor	Grades 3 - 8
20,000 Leagues Under the Sea	Grades K - 5
The Wonderful World of Simple Machines	Grades K - 5
The Frog Prince	Grades K - 5
The Little Red Hen	Grades K - 5
Hugs and Kisses	1 hour, Grades K - 5

THE VALUE

VIRGINIA REP'S CHILDREN'S THEATRE IS EDUCATIONAL, AFFORDABLE, AND CONVENIENT.

EDUCATIONAL

- Supports Virginia SOL
- Study Guides provide worksheets, activities, and teaching suggestions. Details can be found on our website tour.virginiarep.org

Arts Integration Workshops in schools

- 50 minute Arts Integration Workshops for up to 30 students
- Professional teaching artists
- Interactive experiences explore plays on a deeper level and reinforces SOL

\$100 per workshop and mileage expenses may apply.

Teacher Workshops and Professional Development

- 90 Minute professional development workshops with recertification points
- Trains teachers how to reinforce SOL using theatre techniques
- \$25 fee includes ticket to show at Children's Theatre at Willow Lawn in Richmond
- Details can be found on our website virginiarep.org



AFFORDABLE

Field Trips

Group ticket prices range from \$8 to \$12. One free adult for every 10 students.

In School Touring Shows

As a nonprofit theatre, Virginia Rep receives funding that allows us to offer our shows to Virginia schools below cost. The cost for our in-school touring shows range from \$750-\$895. Schools located within 20 miles of each other can schedule shows on the same day for a discounted rate. Travel expenses and some restrictions may apply. If your school needs further assistance, we are happy to work with you to make shows fit within your budget.

Hugs and Kisses

Our production of *Hugs and Kisses* is supported through a generous grant from the Virginia Department of Social Services and is offered at a fee of \$150-\$350 per performance on a first come, first served basis. Additional support available to schools in need

CONVENIENT

Bus Drop Off for Field Trips

All field trips have convenient bus drop off right in front of the venue or theatre. The Children's Theatre in Richmond provides lobby space for kids to have lunch if necessary. Elevators and wheel chair seating are available.

Touring Show Logistics

All touring shows are self-contained. We bring everything we need including set, costumes, and microphones — and we can set up in a variety of spaces: auditoriums, cafeterias, or gymnasiums. All we need is one electrical outlet and a space that is by 28' wide by 20' deep by 12' high. All shows are 45 minutes to one hour in length and fit nicely into a regular classroom or assembly period.

AT A GLANCE

FIELD TRIPS YOU COME TO US

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WARRENTON

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IN-SCHOOL TOURS WE COME TO YOU

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HOW TO ORDER

FIELD TRIPS

Arrange a field trip for your students:



800-275-5005 10am - 5pm, Mon - Fri



tour.virginiarep.org

A 20% deposit is due 2 weeks after booking and full payment is due two weeks before field trip date.

IN-SCHOOL TOURING SHOWS or HUGS AND KISSES

Bring a touring show to your school:



Call **Mike Brown**
804-783-1688 ext. 1130



mbrown@virginiarep.org



tour.virginiarep.org

Deposits and payment will be discussed at booking.

ARTS INTEGRATION WORKSHOPS or TEACHER WORKSHOPS

Bring a workshop to your school,
or reserve space in a teacher workshop:



Call **Mike Brown**
804-783-1688 ext. 1130



Left: Jennifer Kramer in *Pinocchio*. Right: PJ Freebourn and Jamie Sproach in *Pinocchio*. Photos by Aaron Suttten



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WE CAN COME TO YOU OR YOU CAN COME TO US!

- Field Trips
- In-School Educational Performances
- Our abuse prevention play, *Hugs and Kisses*
- Classroom Workshops