VIRGINIA REPERTORY THEATRE ON TOUR

2023/2024 NATIONAL TOURING SEASON
WHO WE ARE

Virginia Rep On Tour 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 tour national-caliber plays and musicals to hundreds of schools and venues throughout the nation.

WHAT WE PROVIDE

• Professional productions of literary classics, holiday shows, and historical biographies connected to the school curriculum
• Over 40 years’ experience touring professional theatre for young audiences
• Reliable and talented company of actors who load-in and load-out the entire production, including attractive sets, costumes, and sound systems
• Competitive pricing structure
• Question and Answer sessions with our cast and your audience
• Student Study Guides filled with worksheets, activities, and teaching suggestions which support school curricula

BOOKING DETAILS

• Call or email for availability and competitive pricing
• Join with other Venues within 150 miles and get Discounts
• Plays have a running time of 38 - 65 minutes (most shows are around 45 - 50 minutes)
• Minimal Tech Requirements: Load-In just 1½ hours before first scheduled performance. Breakdown in just 1 hour or less

All titles and tours in this brochure are subject to change or cancellation without notice

2023/2024 PLAYS (with grade range)

2023/2024 - VIDEO 1
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Little Red Hen (K-5)
Jack and the Beanstalk (K-5)
The Town Mouse and the Country Mouse (K-5)

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A Christmas Carol (K-5)
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I Have a Dream (K-Adult)
A Sick Day for Amos McGee (K-7)
The Jungle Book (K-5)
Have You Filled a Bucket Today? The Musical (K-5)

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COVID-19 Response

In a time that has garnered unprecedented change to the way all businesses operate, we are heartened that you are keeping the arts alive. To provide the highest level of safety, all of our casts will be fully vaccinated, and we will practice social distancing and wear masks at all times in your facility until show time. We appreciate your loyalty and support. Thank you!
In addition to our in-person touring shows, we offer Video Packets that can be rented individually. Each show is offered throughout the entire year as a week-long rental with unlimited views in multiple class rooms. Choose to rent whenever it fits in your school's schedule.

The Video Packet will include:

- **The Show** - filmed with a multiple-camera format.
- **The Q&A** – This is a Question and Answer interview with the cast answering typical and interesting questions about the show and other topics.
- **Student Study Guide** – Our traditional printable Student Study Guide with fun and engaging activities connected to the school curriculum.
- **Teacher Study Guide** – Our video Teacher Study Guide can assist teachers with the lesson plan to accompany the show. The Guide includes Virtual and In-Person/Paper options for each activity, with sharable, interactive assets. These guides are ideal for any combination of remote and in-person learning.
- **Get the Wiggles Out** – Movement videos get everyone up and moving and are lots of fun for all ages.

**Harriet Tubman and the Underground Railroad**

*Book and Lyrics by Douglas Jones  
Music by Ron Barnett*

This stirring drama with music is a classic tribute to the great American who freed herself and hundreds of others from the bonds of slavery. Her courage helped to change the world. Share her adventurous life with your students in this accurate and deeply moving musical history lesson.

**Grades 3 - 8**  
History, Biography, Language Arts, Multi-Cultural, Music, Family Ties, Self-Esteem, Women’s Studies (Approx. 45 min.)

**Jack and the Beanstalk**

*Book and Lyrics by Douglas Jones  
Music by Ron Barnett*

This musical adaptation is a rollicking retelling of the classic fairy tale. Join our modern-day young hero as he uses his imagination to become the famous Jack from the book he is reading. As he spins the tale of trading the family cow for three magic beans, we watch the giant beanstalk grow and let our imaginations soar as our hero climbs through the clouds to meet an ill-tempered giant, find fabulous treasures and more adventures than you can shake a stalk at.

**Grades K - 5**  
Folktales, Language Arts, History, Music, Puppets, Reading, Character Development (Approx. 50 min.)

**The Little Red Hen**

*Book, Music and Lyrics by Ford Flannagan  
Based on the Traditional Folk Story*

“When’ll help me plant the seed?” 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. They all have better things to do. But, “a hen’s gotta do what a hen’s gotta do,” and so our crimson heroine perseveres until her work is done. But the tricks of the conniving fox combine with the hen’s common sense to add adventure and a sound moral lesson to this classic, feel good, foot-stompin’ country musical.

**Grades K - 5**  
Folktales, Language Arts, Reading, Science, Music, Peer Pressure, Self Esteem, Character Development (Approx. 45 min.)

**Town Mouse Country Mouse**

*By Ford Flannagan  
Based on Aesop’s Fable*

When fast-talking Town Mouse toasts 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 hoedown musical and find out.

**Grades K - 5**  
Folktales, Fable Language Arts, Literary Classic, Music, Reading, Character Development (Approx. 45 min.)
The Legend of Sleepy Hollow

Based on the story by Washington Irving
Book, Music, and Lyrics by Paul Deiss

Join Ichabod Crane, Brom Bones, the lovely Katrina Van Tassel, the residents of Tarry Town and, oh yes, the Headless Horseman, as they live the story made famous by the legend. This autumnal classic is faithful to the original story written by Washington Irving in 1819 and will thrill and perhaps chill your audiences (though it’s not too scary for little ones). No fall is complete without the fun of telling stories, and our retelling of The Legend of Sleepy Hollow is one experience you won’t want to miss!

**Grades K - 5** Folk Tales, Language Arts, Literary Classic, Reading, History, Music (Approx. 45 min.)

The Velveteen Rabbit

By Thomas Hammond, Music and Lyrics by Ron Barnett

“What is Real? When a child loves you for a long, long time, not just to play with, but really loves you, then you become real.” The power of play and childhood fantasy, the pure light of unconditional love — these timeless forces illuminate our faithful rendering of Margery Williams’ tale of friendship and the passing of time. A lovely score and detailed period costumes will transport your audience back to the beginning of the last century. There, they will experience a particular innocence and wisdom that have much to say to our present culture of instant gratification and disposable friends.

**Grades K - 5** Art, Language Arts, Literary Classic, Music, Reading (Approx. 50 min.)

A Christmas Carol

By Charles Dickens
Adapted by Steve Perigard
Music and Lyrics by Paul Deiss

Perhaps the best loved holiday story of all time, our adaptation of Dickens’ classic is particularly suited to children. Watch Mr. Scrooge have a change of heart from stone to gold as he is visited by the ghosts of Christmas. All the joy, sentiment and meaning are here, without being too scary for young audiences.

**Grades K - 5** Family Ties, Language Arts, Literary Classic, Music, Reading (Approx. 42 min.)
FALL TOUR 2023

**Have You Filled a Bucket Today? The Musical!**

*Book and Lyrics by Scott Wichmann*
*Music by Jason Marks*

Inspired by *Bucket Filling Fairy* and *Have You Filled a Bucket Today? (The Play)* by Ann Marie Gardinier Halstead, both of which were inspired by *Have You Filled a Bucket Today? – A Guide to Daily Happiness for Kids* by Carol McCloud

“The Bucket Filling Song” – Lyrics by Ann Marie Gardinier Halstead, Music by Peaceful Schools

This fun-filled musical from Virginia Repertory Theatre is based on the concepts in Carol McCloud’s award-winning children’s books, *Have You Filled a Bucket Today?, Growing Up with a Bucket Full of Happiness* and Ann Marie Gardinier Halstead’s book, *The Bucket Filling Fairy*. The books and play use the concept of a “bucket” to show students how to express kindness, appreciation, and a love to be “bucket-fillers” through positive, thoughtful behavior. *Have you Filled a Bucket Today: The Musical!* relays the joys of friendship and compassion for both the receiver and the giver. Help teach students to be bucket-fillers rather than bucket-dippers with this musical performance designed to promote healthy relationships, self-esteem, and bring character education front-and-center stage at your school.

**Grades K - 5**
*Family Ties, Language Arts, Music, Prevention, Self-Esteem, Character Development*
*(Approx. 50 min.)*

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HOLIDAY TOUR 2023

**’Twas the Night Before Christmas**

*Music by Carol Gully, Additional Music by Ron Barnett and Paul Deiss*

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. This classic from Virginia Rep has been charming audiences nationwide for many years.

**Grades K - 5**
*Family Ties, Folktales, Language Arts, Literary Classic, Biography, Music, Reading, History, Character Development*
*(Approx. 50 min.)*
Harriet Tubman and the Underground Railroad
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Music by Ron Barnett
This stirring drama with music is a classic tribute to the great American who freed herself and hundreds of other people from the bonds of slavery. Share in the joys, sorrows, and challenges of Harriet as she and her friend, Sarah Bradford, narrate the adventurous life of this brave woman who changed the world through her courage. This accurate and deeply moving musical history lesson is at turns inspiring, heart-warming, and comical, full of the good humor, determination and the charity of its subject. Your students will find a new appreciation for Harriet Tubman and a deeper understanding of her times.
Grades 3 - 8 History, Language Arts, Biography, Multicultural, Music, Family Ties, Self-Esteem, Women’s Studies (Approx. 45 min.)

I Have a Dream
The Life and Times of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.
Inspire your students with this compelling dramatization of the life and times of one of the most influential and charismatic leaders of the “American Century” and the Civil Rights Movement. Experience Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.’s fight for his dream of lifting “our nation from the quicksand of racial injustice to the solid rock of brotherhood.
Grades 3 - Adult Biography, Language Arts, History, Multicultural, Public Speaking, Reading, Self-Esteem, Character Development (Approx. 50 min.)

A Sick Day for Amos McGee
Based on the 2011 Caldecott Medal Winner by Philip and Erin Stead
This fun, rousing new musical is based on one of the most beloved children’s books of the last decade. Amos McGee is as kindly and conscientious a zookeeper as you will find. Day after day he demonstrates the perfect way to bond with each of his friends: running races with the tortoise, spending quiet time with the timid penguin, and being there with a handkerchief when one is needed by the sniffing elephant. One day Amos himself feels under the weather and must remain home in his bed, and the animals must decide together what they can do to return the favor.
Grades K - 7 Art, Family Ties, Reading, Language Arts, Literary Classic, Music, Self-Esteem, Character Development (Approx. 50 min.)
The Jungle Book
Book and Lyrics by Scott Wichmann
Music by Julie Fulcher
Adapted from the Book by Rudyard Kipling

Join young Mowgli as he learns the “Laws” of the jungle in this time-honored adventure. With the help of friends like the black panther, Bagheera, and Baloo the lovable bear, Mowgli learns about friendship and survival. Cheer as Mowgli faces his fear and foils his nemesis the tiger Shere Khan. This musical version of Rudyard Kipling’s classic will delight both the young and the young at heart.

Grades K - 5 English, Language Arts, Communication and Multimodal Literacies, Fine Arts Creative Process, Critical Thinking & Communication, Arts Innovation (Approx. 50 min.)

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