



THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT AT OCALA CIVIC THEATRE
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BUILDING CONFIDENCE, COMPASSION, AND COMMUNITY THROUGH THE ARTS.

Hello!

I am the new Director of Education, recently relocated from NYC. I am excited to be part of Marion County's arts and education community!

It's time for Ocala Civic Theatre's in-school literacy tour. Our literacy tour, a program to encourage students to read and celebrate authors and illustrators, is in its thirteenth year. This year's work is *Each Kindness* by Jacqueline Woodson, **the 2018 – 2019 National Ambassador for Young People's Literature**.

Each Kindness is the winner of a Coretta Scott King Honor and the Jane Addams Pease Award! Making the world a little better with its powerful anti-bullying message and striking art, *Each Kindness* will resonate with readers of all ages.

Chloe and her friends won't play with the new girl, Maya. Every time Maya tries to join Chloe and her friends, they reject her. Eventually, Maya stops coming to school. When Chloe's teacher gives a lesson about how even small acts of kindness can change the world, Chloe is stung by the lost opportunity for friendship, and thinks about how much better it could have been if she'd shown a little kindness.

We are offering two tours: grades K – 3rd & grades 4th – 6th, with grade-appropriate activities and study guides.



BOOK YOUR DATE!

This program is appropriate for students in grades K through 6.

DATES AVAILABLE!

Monday, January 28th – Friday, March 8, 2019

WHAT WE PROVIDE:

- A 30-minute program that includes the reading of Jacqueline Woodson's *Each Kindness* and the leading of theatrical extension activities by a professional Teaching Artist.
- A classroom study guide, which offers pre and post-show activities that link to the Sunshine State Standards and Common Core Standards.
- An attendance form collected by us on the day of our visit, and evaluation forms that need to be completed and sent back to us after the presentation.

TO SCHEDULE PERFORMANCES:

- Determine the school's presentation space.
 - Media centers and multipurpose rooms are best for this intimate program. The space should accommodate between **30 and 60 youth, plus staff**.

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- Choose a date and school-day time(s) between **Monday, January 28th and Friday, March 8th 2019.**
 - Pro-Tip: Have alternate dates and times ready when you call.
 - Please allow 15 minutes between scheduled back-to-back presentations.
 - Two teaching artists can provide programming simultaneously in separate spaces.
- Provide us with an on-site contact person.
 - Name & Title
 - Email & Phone number
- Share your audience information when booking.
 - Number of students and their grade levels
 - Number of teachers and staff
 - Number of study guides needed
 - Hard copies are sent in advance. A PDF version is available for email.

DAY OF PARTNERSHIP:

- Inform the Teaching Artist of anything pertinent to the success of the presentations.
- Allow access to the presentation space –
 - 15 minutes, *minimum*, prior to the presentation for set up
 - 30 minutes, *approx.*, for the reading and activity
 - 15 minutes, *approx.*, to pack up and exit/or take a break between presentations
- Classroom teachers and support staff, for the safety and engagement of all, should remain with their youth during the presentation.
 - **Enlist and empower staff to address behavior and discipline challenges, as well as build enthusiasm, by being “present”.**

IT'S FREE (to you!)

Ocala Civic Theatre has recruited sponsors to cover the cost of our in-school literacy tour.

While there is no fee, you are required to complete the following:

- An attendance form, collected by the Teaching Artist on the day of your presentations.
- Evaluation forms, which must be completed *after* our visit and sent to the theatre either by postal service or as an attachment to an email.
 - Your feedback is essential for the growth and development of our programming.
 - Your feedback is shared with sponsors allowing them to access the effectiveness of their financial support – crucial in securing funding for future programs.

NOW—IT'S TIME TO SCHEDULE!

BY PHONE: 352-236-2851 ext. 105 (Janice Kirk) or ext. 107 (Terry LeCompte)

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We look forward to including your school in this year's In-School Literacy Tour of *Each Kindness* by Jacqueline Woodson.

Sincerely,

Terry LeCompte, Director of Education, Ocala Civic Theatre

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