

BLINDSPOT COLLECTIVE

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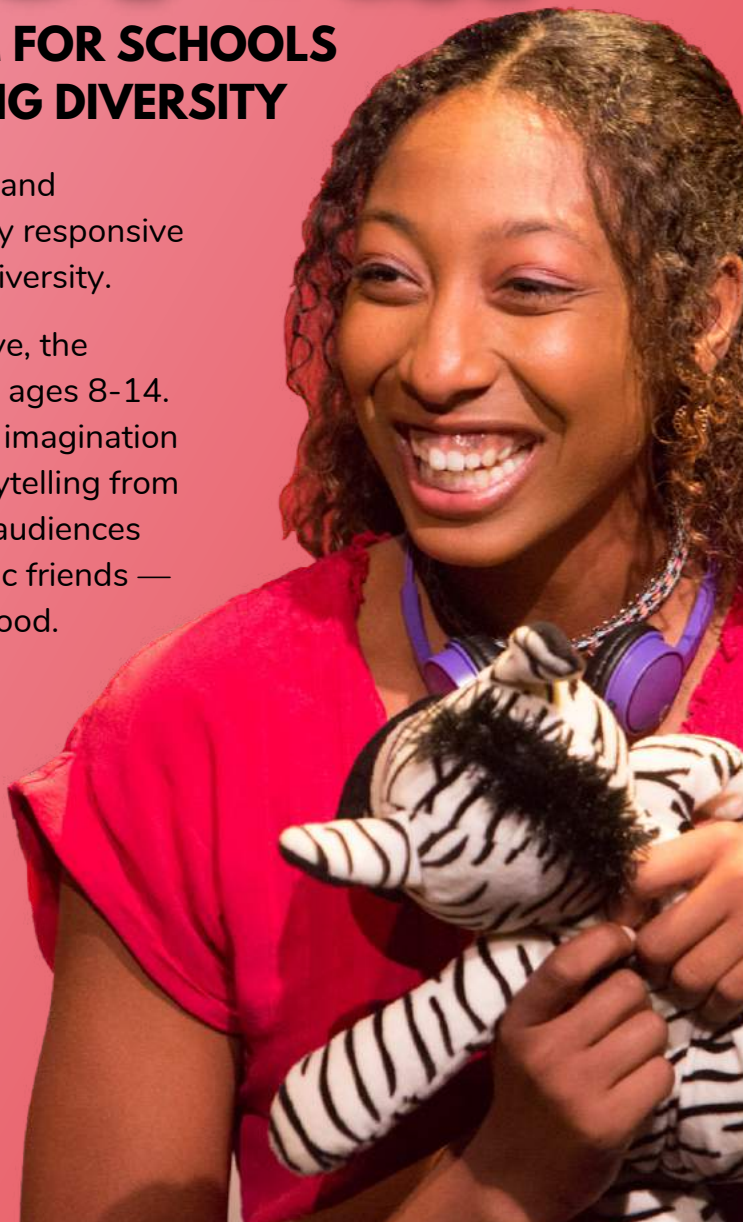
SAFA'S STORY

A VIRTUAL PROGRAM FOR SCHOOLS ABOUT CELEBRATING DIVERSITY

Safa's Story utilizes theatre, discussion, reflection and vocabulary guiding participants through a culturally responsive and learner-centered process toward embracing diversity.

Based on the real experiences of a San Diego native, the program centers on an interactive play for children ages 8-14. Safa is an African American fifth grader with a big imagination and an even bigger heart. Through music and storytelling from her Zimbabwean roots and American upbringing, audiences meet her caring mother, kind teacher, and energetic friends — including a new classmate who may be up to no good.

Forum Theater was developed so that audiences might explore tangible ways to change the world in which we live. During the program, participants are challenged to find new ways of supporting and empowering the central characters, encouraging young people to act on behalf of themselves or their peers when they experience bullying and injustice. This timely and hopeful program offers children an opportunity to navigate difficult but important conversations about bias and prejudice.



AUDIENCE RESPONSES

"Just because Safa was born in Africa does not make her less American." - 5th grade student

"It was an inspiring play about standing up for yourself and others. This was the best play I ever watched." - 5th grade student

"Students felt empathy and could relate to scenes. It was important for them to see the effects of bullying on one's self-esteem." - Teacher



EMPOWERING STUDENTS TO CHANGE THE STORY THROUGH STORYTELLING & FORUM THEATRE

PROGRAM DETAILS

The program can be implemented through two virtual options:

OPTION ONE*: Three, one-hour videos with children participating by watching and responding to the recorded play and video learning tools. Ideally students experience one video at a time on separate days with the classroom teacher supporting the process. This format is suitable for one class size or for children working independently with a parent.

***Schools who opt for this program will be required to participate in a 45-minute professional development with Blindspot Collective prior to receiving the program materials.**

OPTION TWO: Three, one-hour virtual sessions facilitated by a Blindspot Collective Teaching Artist. The Teaching Artist will work with one classroom utilizing online tools to guide the group through the learning process. This program is ideal for one class size with each of the three parts of the programming scheduled in different blocks to maximize the learning experience. To schedule these sessions contact education@blindspotcollective.org

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Blindspot Collective will provide a Study Guide for post-show discussions and activities. However, it is recommended that a school counselor or social work participate where possible to support student engagement.

The cost of a single program is \$425 which includes the full three hours for one class or an equivalent number of individual students. If that cost is a hardship for your school or community, please contact us to learn about other funding opportunities.

NOW BOOKING JANUARY 15- JUNE 2021

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