

Attention All BCSD Parents



Bright Star Touring Theatre Proudly Presents

Let it Shine: the American Civil Rights Movement

Tuesday, March 14, 2017

6:30 – 7:30pm

Pete & Toshi Seeger Theatre

This 45-minute live performance is designed to provide an honest and accessible portrayal of the American struggle for Civil Rights. Key figures from the time period are brought to life and celebrated for their dedication to securing equal rights in America.

Please join us to enjoy the same program that our BHS and RMS students will experience earlier that day.

LET IT SHINE!

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About our Play

We are inspired often by the courage and work of those that came before us to promote equal rights for all Americans. So many things we take for granted were given to us by the sacrifices of others. In creating this show we wanted to delve a little deeper into the Civil Rights Movement and offer young people real role models and heroes from this dark chapter in American History.

Our hope is that your audience learns about this period of time while realizing the power they themselves have to impact the world for future generations.

CAN YOU IMAGINE?

Imagine what America would be like without the work of Rosa Parks and Dr. Martin L. King, Jr. If any other person had been at the helm of this Movement would it have turned out the same? What was the power of the Non-violence Movement? How could that be applied to a movement or group around the world today?



The Civil Rights Movement

Lasting from 1955-1968; the Civil Rights Movement is the period of time when Black Americans struggled to be recognized with Equal Rights. Characterized by non-violence and acts of civil disobedience the struggle eventually resulted in the Federal ban on racial segregation and discrimination.

Through boycotts, sit-ins, mass demonstrations and more, often led by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., the Movement successfully forced America to make drastic changes. Laws like the Civil Rights Act and Voting Rights Act, though often implemented with force, finally brought about change that the Civil Rights Movement was seeking.



SIT-IN MOVEMENT Through peaceful demonstrations the integration of lunch counters and department stores. Most famously, the Woolworth Lunch Counter in Greensboro, North Carolina, became ground zero.



FREEDOM RIDERS Americans sought to integrate smaller communities by riding integrated buses into the South and disobeying the Jim Crow laws that were still in place in some areas.



MARCH ON WASHINGTON The moment that the Civil Rights Movement out of the South and into the American Mainstream. It was a tremendous success and gave us the remarkable 'I Have a Dream' speech!