

# THE ACADEMY OF CHILDREN'S THEATRE PRESENTS:

**Treasure Trunk Theatre for YOUR school!**

# WHO IS THE ACADEMY OF CHILDREN'S THEATRE?

**MISSION STATEMENT:** TO PROVIDE EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES IN THE THEATRE ARTS FOR YOUNG PEOPLE OF ALL ABILITIES AND LEVELS OF INTEREST; TO PRODUCE QUALITY THEATRE FOR AND BY THE YOUNG WITH APPEAL TO ALL AGES; AND TO EXPOSE PEOPLE TO DIVERSE IDEAS AND CULTURES THROUGH THE THEATRE EXPERIENCE.

# WHAT IS TREASURE TRUNK THEATRE?

Treasure Trunk Theatre utilizes a process called Creative Story Drama.

Story Drama is a imaginative adventure based in a story or literature book of the teachers choosing. The teaching artist uses the book of choice to share with students the “big problem” of the book by bringing it to life using characters, movements, and our imaginations.

For K/1 students, resolutions for the “big problem” are found at the end of each session. For 2/3 and 4/5 students, more time is taken in problem solving over multiple sessions to reach a resolution of the problem.

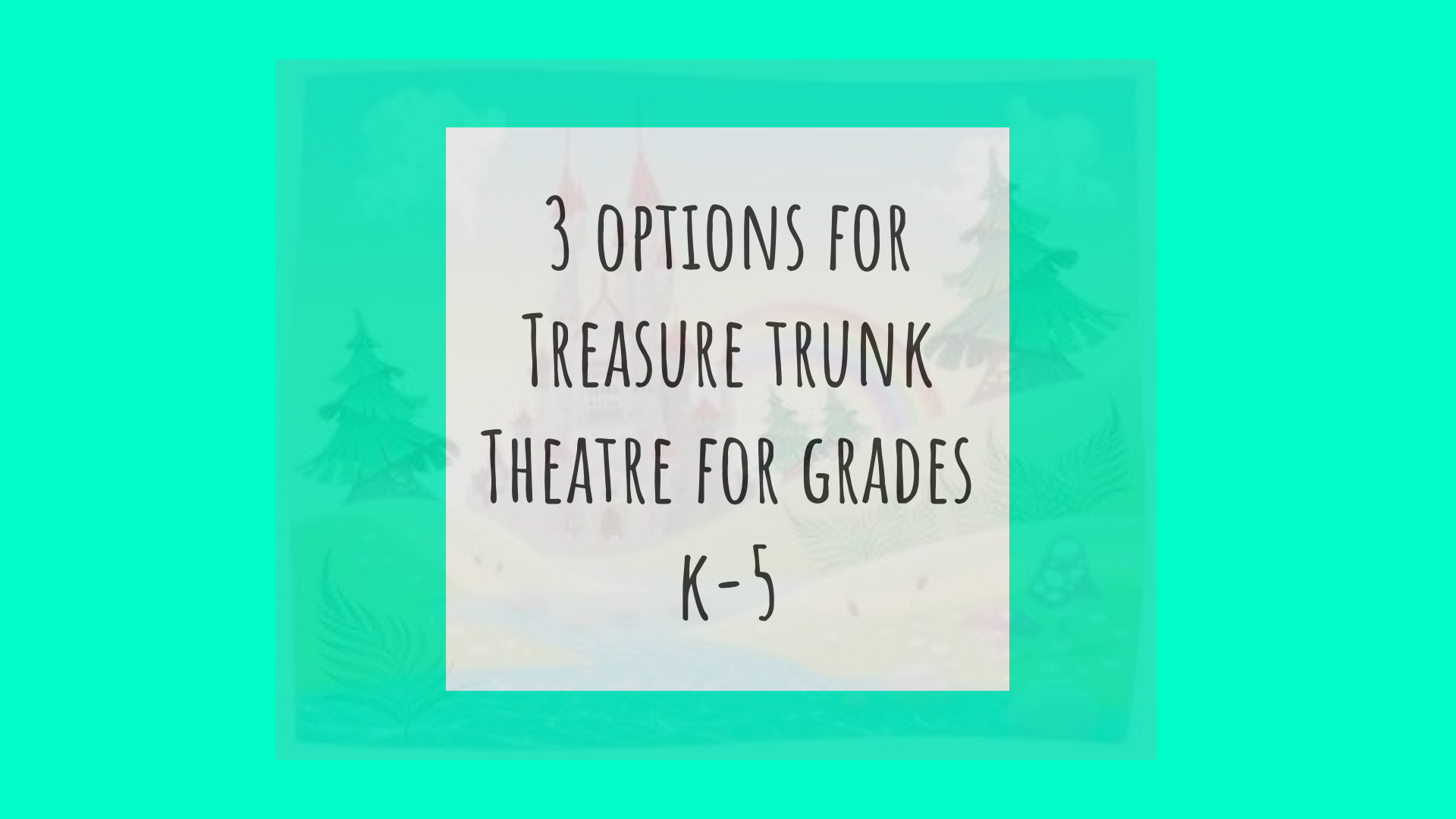
# WHAT ARE THE GOALS OF TREASURE TRUNK THEATRE OR CREATIVE STORY DRAMA?

## Common Goals of Creative Story Drama Adventures

Work as a creative, supportive ensemble  
Explore using our bodies and voices as tools for expression  
Use our imaginations to create a fictitious world in which we are explorers;  
To fully endow this world and create a dramatic reality within it  
Use dramatic skills to problem solve  
Inspire excitement for the dramatic arts  
Learn appropriate classroom behavior

## Tenets of Creative Story Drama Adventures

Rituals - daily rituals allow the students to become experts in the adventure  
Establish a strong adventure objective - and remind students of it frequently  
Give big reactions  
Incorporate sensory experiences  
Repetition - students this age love to do things over and over!  
Do things in unison  
Focus on giving positive feedback to students demonstrating the desired behavior



3 OPTIONS FOR  
TREASURE TRUNK  
THEATRE FOR GRADES  
K-5

# TREASURE TRUNK THEATRE: A LOOT CRATE ADVENTURE K/1

A creative and unique experience for K-1st students to collaboratively create a story by thinking 'outside the trunk!'

ACT will pack up our magic trunk of props, books, costumes and more and bring it to your school. Through creative play, our experienced educators help your students expand their creativity to the world around them; the classroom and beyond.

Our educators will introduce a "big problem" to students and help them to problems solve and find resolution using tools from their treasure trunk.

TTT can be an after school club or during the school day in collaboration with classroom teachers. Our educators will tailor their treasure trunk to the topic, theme or book each classroom chooses for 4 to 6 sessions if desired.

# TREASURE TRUNK THEATRE: A GOLDEN COFFER ADVENTURE 2/3

A creative, unique and collaborative experience for 2nd-3rd students to create a story by thinking 'outside the trunk!'

ACT will pack up our magic trunk of props, books, costumes and more and bring it to your school. Through creative play, our experienced educators help your students expand their creativity to the world around them; the classroom and beyond.

Our educators will introduce a "big problem" to students and help them to problems solve and find resolution using tools from their treasure trunk.

TTT can be an after school club or during the school day in collaboration with classroom teachers. Our educators will tailor their treasure trunk to the topic, theme or book each classroom chooses for 4 to 6 sessions if desired.



Drama gives children the opportunity to explore and the freedom to imagine. Drama empowers children to communicate effectively and nurtures empathy. Drama also teaches patience and commitment to a process of creation.



# TREASURE TRUNK THEATRE: THE ARCHAEOLOGIST HOARD 4/5

A creative and unique experience for 4th and 5th students to create a story by thinking ‘outside the trunk!’

ACT will pack up our magic trunk of props, books, costumes and more and bring it to your school. Through creative play, our experienced educators help your students expand their creativity to the world around them; the classroom and beyond.

Our educators will guide our oldest friends as they introduce a “big problem” to students and help them to problems solve and find resolution using tools from their treasure trunk.

TTT can be an after school club or during the school day in collaboration with classroom teachers. Our educators will tailor their treasure trunk to the topic, theme or book each classroom chooses for 4 to 6 sessions if desired.

# TREASURE TRUNK THEATRE WORKSHOP: CREATE YOUR OWN ADVENTURE 4/5

ACT will lead your upper elementary students on an adventure to tell their life story in their words; a monologue. After their story is written, the monologues will be discreetly given to an ACT selected group of actors and prepared for performance or the author can choose to perform their own monologues.

Watching their stories performed live or personally sharing their stories can be a powerful moment in a child's life.

Students will be asked to choose one or more of the following prompts for their story:

- a positive memory you have;
- a moment that has shaped who you are;
- a typical day in your life;
- someone important in your life;
- something important to you;
- something significant in your life.

Our educators will help each classroom work on their monologues in this one day workshop.

# TREASURE TRUNK THEATRE ASSEMBLY: COUNT ME IN

Count Me In is an all grades assembly aimed to help children experience theatre in a fun and engaging way. COUNT ME IN is designed to help children and adults learn about disabilities and chronic illnesses in an effort to bridge the gap between typical students and those with disabilities. This program, originated in 1979, has reached over 350,000 children and adults and continues to teach the message that all children want to play and learn to the best of their abilities.

Count me In features six endearing, child-size, multicultural puppets that portray children with disabilities. These puppets have proven to be effective communicators of the message of understanding and acceptance, helping to dispel fears, myths and misconceptions about persons with disabilities.

The assembly runs about 35 minutes.

# THE WHOLE MONEY THING

ACT strives to keep their costs low so all students have access. Yet, we do still have staff to pay, a building to run, and other costs.

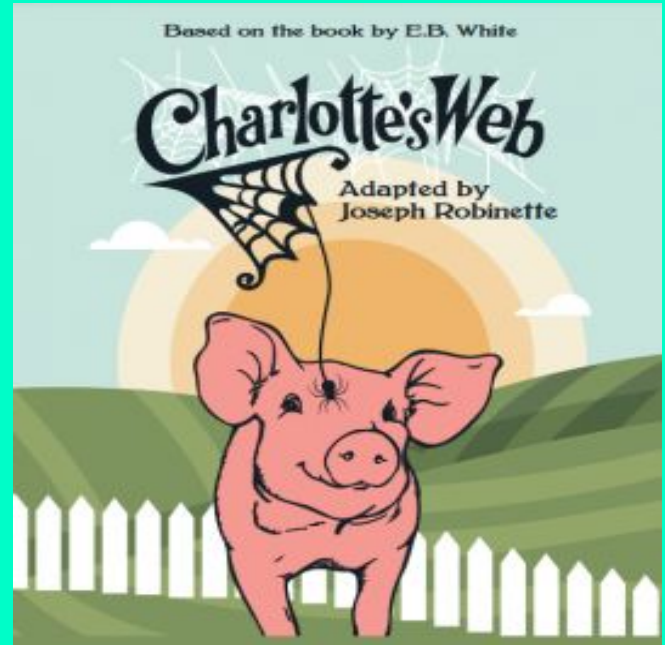
We will work with you on a price for the program that works for you and your school's budget needs.

Once you have chosen what program you would like to offer we will have an estimate created for you.



# I WANNA SIGN MY SCHOOL UP!

Ready to go for it?  
Next steps....



# THANKS!

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