



**Claude McNeal**  
PRODUCTIONS

# Inspiring & Transforming Lives!

## 2015 Theatre Education Program Report

### Educational Programming

*Claude McNeal Productions partners with schools and community organizations to provide alternative educational theatre experiences for children and adults in order to build healthy relationships with individuals and communities.*

### 171 total productions, for 17,435 program participants!

2015 was an incredible year for our educational theatre programs, reaching 13,588 students, 570 adults, and 3,277 Indiana State Police Officers!

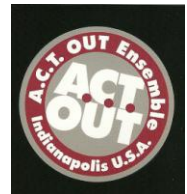


Our ACT OUT Ensemble traveled to over 60 different schools, organizations and community centers throughout Central Indiana and Northern Ohio.

With 125 total school-related performances, and 46 Indiana State Police Mandate shows, we ended the year with **171 total productions**. Our school shows included:

- Nearly 100 shows for Indianapolis-area and Central Indiana schools, which included 3 productions of Tragicom: An Evening of One-Acts by contemporary playwrights Anton Chekov, Samuet Beckett and Claude McNeal, and 4 productions of Claude McNeal's A Tale of Scrooge: the Musical at Herron High School.

- 3 Distance Learning shows for schools in New York
- 3 shows for University of Indianapolis students on date rape, stalking, and Resident Assistant Training
- 2 shows for Health Care workers at the "Procure Conference" in Little Rock, Arkansas
- 2 Teen Power Camp Shows in Evansville, IN
- 2 SIDS Training Shows for the Indiana State Department of Health in Tell City, IN
- 1 show for the Jewish Education Center's conference on "Your Voice Matters"
- 10 shows in Northeast Ohio for Four County Family Center Schools/Bryan Area Health Education Center, University of Toledo



## Our work with the Indiana State Police

Since 2008, a health and human service initiative by the Indiana Drug Association partners ACT OUT with the Indiana State Police. The State of Indiana requires each police officer to attend mandatory training on SIDS (sudden infant death syndrome), biohazards, human trafficking, mental illness, domestic violence, and blood-borne pathogens. These topics are included in ACT OUT's comprehensive list of offerings. Shows are held in police stations, community centers and local schools. By providing more than 30 shows annually, ACT OUT helps the Indiana State Police meet state mandates while the ensemble expands its social outreach, illuminates root problems and identifies solutions.

**In 2015, our ACT OUT Ensemble performed 46 shows for 3,277 Police Officers, including:** Shows for officers in Muncie, Johnson County, Henry County, Steuben County, Jasper, Lafayette, Valparaiso, South Bend, Carroll County (Delphi), Jay County, Evansville, West Lafayette, Nappanee, Hancock County, Miami County, Kosciusko County, Vincennes, Wells County, Speedway, Hendricks County, Daviess County, Tell City, IN, Wells, IN, Hendricks County, Dekalb County, Madison, IN, Hendricks County, Jay County, Henry County & Wayne County, Indiana, including Indiana Drug Education Association Conferences in Indianapolis, and a Marshall's Conference in Lafayette, Indiana.

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## Herron High School: A Perfect Laboratory

Our **Youth and the Arts (YATA) program** partners Claude McNeal Productions with Indy's oldest youth theater, the Young Actors Theatre, and the acclaimed downtown Indianapolis charter school, Herron High School.



Claude McNeal Productions and the Young Actors Theatre joined forces to run Herron High School's Theatre Arts Program in 2013. Both organizations bring their many years of

expertise in educational theatre programming for youth to this endeavor by teaching beginning, intermediate and advanced theatre courses throughout the school year, and share in the supervision and mounting of Herron's four annual productions. Herron High School is the perfect "laboratory" for the innovative programs offered by both organizations. It's a unique opportunity to partner two like-minded, successful theatre organizations, enabling them to reach even further into the community; providing students with an experience unlike any other -having all of their classroom and production work activity instructed by theater professionals who are currently working in the field.



**HERRON  
HIGH SCHOOL**



Our 2015 Theatre Productions at HHS included 3 shows of *Tragicom: An Evening of One Acts* by contemporary playwrights Anton Chekov, Samuel Beckett and Claude McNeal in May, and a special presentation of Claude's original, cabaret adaptation of the famous Charles Dickens classic *A Christmas Carol*, called *A Tale of Scrooge: the Musical* in December. This production featured HHS students, IUPUI students and professional artists from the Indianapolis community.

