



**Claude McNeal**  
PRODUCTIONS

# Inspiring & Transforming Lives!

## 2016 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.*

### 235 total productions, for 18,340 program participants!

2016 was an incredible year for our educational theatre programs, reaching 13,235 students, 1,550 adults, and 3,505 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 162 total school-related performances, 14 Summer Stock Shows and 59 Indiana State Police Mandate shows, we ended the year with **235 total productions**. Some of our highlights included:

- Nearly 150 ACT OUT shows for Indianapolis-area and Central Indiana schools
- 3 productions of William Shakespeare Superstar and 3 of A Tale of Scrooge: the Musical at Herron High School.

- 8 professional summer stock presentations of the Broadway musical, Jekyll & Hyde
- 6 professional summer stock presentations of the absurdist drama Six Characters in Search of an Author
- 2 shows for University of Indianapolis students and 2 for Franklin College students on date rape and Resident Assistant Training
- 2 shows for the Julian Center
- 3 shows for the Domestic Task Force in Logansport
- Over 100 shows for our collaboration with Peace Learning Center
- 2 shows for the Indiana National Guard
- 1 show for the Bureau of Jewish Education Summit on "The Power of Words"
- 10 shows in Northeast Ohio for Four County Family Center Schools/Bryan Area Health Education Center, University of Toledo



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## Our work with the Indiana State Police

Since 2008, a health and human service initiative by the Indiana Drug Education 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 40 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 2016, our ACT OUT Ensemble performed 59 shows for 3,505 Police Officers in 23 different counties.**

## Indiana Performing Arts Initiative: Our New Summer Stock Theatre Program!



Jekyll & Hyde: The Musical at IPAI



Six Characters

June 2016 was the inauguration of our new professional summer stock theatre –the Indiana Performing Arts Initiative; collaborating with two iconic IUPUI arts groups –Hoosier Bard Productions and the IUPUI Music Academy –to present a unique training and performance opportunity for the Indianapolis community. This new program, featured the talents of performing arts students from four local high schools and eight colleges, as well as professional adult actors from the Indianapolis and surrounding communities.

The inaugural season included two highly successful productions that delved heavily into the theme of “reality vs. illusion”; **Jekyll & Hyde: the Broadway Musical**, and the absurdist play, **Six Characters in Search of an Author**.

**Jekyll & Hyde** was named one of the top 5 locally-produced shows in 2016 by *Nuvo Newsweekly* readers!

### Critic's Quotes

“If this is the level of performance and type of thought-provoking production we can look forward to from this group, then it is a welcome addition to Indianapolis theatre.”

Christine Schaefer,  
*Greenfield Daily Reporter*

“Heady stuff for a summer stock theatre ...brave and wonderfully staged. Terrific voices. They fit together like a symphonic choir.”

Marion Simon Garmel  
Retired Theater Critic  
*Indianapolis Star*

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## Herron High School: A Perfect Laboratory

Our **Youth and the Arts (YATA) program** partners Claude McNeal Productions with acclaimed downtown Indianapolis charter school, Herron High School.



In 2006, Claude McNeal Productions joined forces with Herron High School to run their Theatre Arts Program. CMP 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 in the supervision and mounting of Herron's four annual productions. HHS is the perfect "laboratory" for the innovative programs offered by Claude McNeal Productions, working with over 200 students in the theatre department.

Our 2016/2017 Theatre Productions at HHS so far have included 3 shows of *William Shakespeare Superstar*, a collection of some of the most famous Shakespeare soliloquies, songs and scenes in October, and Claude's original adaptation of the famous Charles Dickens classic *A Christmas Carol*, called *A Tale of Scrooge: the Musical* in December.

