



Inspiring & Transforming Lives!

2017 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.

191 total productions, for 18,006 program participants!

2017 was an incredible year for our educational theatre programs, reaching 13,407 students, 1,589 adults, and 3,010 Indiana State Police Officers!



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Officers!

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

With 129 total school-related performances, 12 Summer Stock Shows and 50 Indiana State Police Mandate shows, we ended the year with **191 total productions**.

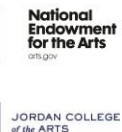
Some of our highlights included:

- Nearly 110 ACT OUT shows for Indianapolis-area and Central Indiana schools
- 3 productions of On Broadway, 3 of A Modern-Day Vaudeville, 6 of The Greeks: In the Beginning, and 3 of A Tale of Scrooge at Herron High School

- 6 professional summer stock presentations of the Broadway musical, The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee
- 6 professional summer stock presentations of the cabaret On Broadway, featuring Tony-Award winning songs
- 5 shows for University of Indianapolis students and 1 for Franklin College students on date rape and Resident Assistant Training
- 1 show for the Domestic Task Force in Logansport reaching 637 students
- 6 shows reaching 3,000 students in Henry County for the Indiana Drug Education Assoc.
- 10 shows in Northeast Ohio for Four County Family Center Schools/Bryan Area Health Education Center, reaching 1,100 students



More on back



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 45 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 2017, our ACT OUT Ensemble performed 50 shows for 3,010 Police Officers in 23 different counties.

Indiana Performing Arts Initiative: Our Summer Stock Theatre Training Program!



25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee



On Broadway

Expanding our training programs further into the community, Claude McNeal Productions presented its second successful season in 2017 of a new summer stock theatre training program called the "Indiana Performing Arts Initiative". With 35 program participants, shows began June 23rd and ran through July 16th, 2017. This new program featured the talents of local high school and college performing arts students, as well as professional adult actors from the Indianapolis and surrounding areas. Under the direction and supervision of Claude McNeal Productions' staff, students had the opportunity to hone their craft during the summer months, while working with professional actors, directors, designers, musicians and choreographers currently working in the field of theatre.



Productions included six shows of the hit-Broadway musical comedy, the 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee, and six shows of an original cabaret-style musical entitled On Broadway; a musical review of the hit songs from Tony-Award winning shows running on Broadway.



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Indpls Classical Schools: A Perfect Laboratory

Our **Youth and the Arts (YATA) program** partners Claude McNeal Productions with acclaimed charter schools, Herron High School and now Riverside High School (now known collectively as Indianapolis Classical Schools).



The Greeks: In the Beginning

In 2006, Claude McNeal Productions joined forces with Herron High School to run their Theatre Arts Program. CMP brings 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 2017/2018 Theatre Productions at HHS so far have included 6 shows of The Greeks, and 3 of Claude's original adaptation of the famous Charles Dickens classic A Christmas Carol, called A Tale of Scrooge: The Musical in December.

