

Acting Our Colours



...is a dynamic Artist-In-School residency that celebrates diversity through drama, design and music!

Concrete Theatre brings professional theatre artists into your school to work with every student from Gr. 1-6. Our unique and energetic residency engages the students to explore the things that make us unique from one another as well as those things that bind us together.

- Each grade creates their own fantastical world, using guidelines we provide
 - A group of theatre artists, including actors, a musician and a designer, work with the students over a 5 day period to bring the students' worlds to life.
- The worlds are woven into a story that culminates in a spectacular collective performance, featuring every student, and shared with parents.
- Every aspect of the process and performance is based on the students' ideas. They are the writers, designers and even the music composers of their story.
- The process fosters community within the school, empowers the students, and explores the idea of how so many different people, each with their own cultures, can live together respectfully and peacefully.
- The students will explore ways to resolve conflict that may arise when their many worlds come together as one community.

Acting Our Colours touches on themes such as community, collaboration, equality and social justice. Education that occurs through the arts is transformative, exciting and relevant to all students and learning styles. It is an experience that will stay with them far beyond our time in your school. **Acting Our Colors** has been a huge success in schools throughout Alberta. One of our residency hosts had this to say about our program:

"Concrete Theatre was a truly powerful and amazing experience within our school community! Our school is culturally diverse and the overall theme, student involvement, artistic leadership in both the performing and visual arts was second to none. This event brought our student, staff, and parent community closer together by recognizing and celebrating the uniqueness and similarities of our differences. I highly recommend this energetic and professional group to your school as I know firsthand that we experienced a positive and powerful week that unified and strengthened our overall school culture. Thank you Concrete Theatre!"

-- Kelly Ehalt, Principal, Holy Family Academy

- Our base price for a school of 300 or fewer students is \$8630.
- More than 300 students? Contact us for a quote tailored to your school's specific needs!
- Schools in the Edmonton area can apply for funding to cover 50% of the cost.
- Schools outside of the Edmonton area can apply for funding to cover 75% of the cost.

For more information contact Residency Coordinator April Banigan at residency@concretetheatre.ca

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Applying for an AFA Grant

Subsidization for schools to bring in residencies is available from The Alberta Foundation for the Arts through their Artists and Education Project Grant Stream.

Deadline for this grant is April 1, 2021

To find information about the grant, go to the AFA website and look under Organizational Project Grants, under Artists and Education. There you will find the guidelines and a downloadable application form. A few highlights!

- Schools may apply for one residency per year
- Residency must be completed within three months of its commencement date
- Schools located in the following jurisdictions: Edmonton, St. Albert, Sherwood Park, Fort Saskatchewan, Leduc, Spruce Grove, Stony Plain, Calgary, Airdrie and Okotoks, can apply for up to 50% of the fee
- Schools located in all other jurisdictions can apply for up to 75% of the fee
- The maximum grant under this program will not exceed \$15,000

Never written a grant before? Wondering where to start?

Not to fear! Concrete Theatre is here to provide help, support and assistance!

Please contact our Residency Coordinator April Banigan at residency@concretetheatre.ca April will be happy to walk you through the process and provide information about Concrete Theatre for your application. You can also call the AFA directly at 780.427.9968 Toll-free calls can be made by first dialing 310.0000.

"Sakaw School was happy to welcome Concrete Theatre for last year's Artists-in-Residency. Our school has a longstanding culture of caring and this "Acting Our Colours" residency recognized and supported our school values where everyone is respected and valued. Social skills such as anticipating consequences of choices, making informed decisions, respecting differences, communicating effectively, and resolving conflicts is being modeled and taught at Sakaw School, and this was the theme of this residency. It was a busy, energizing time culminating in a final performance which was well-attended and appreciated by our community. Each child had an integral role, and it provided us with the opportunity to see children shine in different ways."

--Heather Kennedy, Principal, Sakaw School

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