



## Residency Activities

### Student Performance Series

The Acting Company offers one-hour productions specially designed for the classroom using minimal sets, costumes, and a small cast of actors. The presentations focus on the language and encourage students to use their imaginations – to let the magic of the theater transport them.

### Literary Through Theater

Literary Through Theater is a weeklong artistic residency during which students intensively explore a single play. Teaching Artists present a hands-on curriculum related to a production in the Company's tour, which students attend, questioning and sharing ideas with the actors.

### Shakespeare for Teachers

In addition to the 25,000 students The Acting Company reaches each year, they also expand the impact of the tour with workshops that teach teachers. They provide practical ways for classroom teachers to engage students in the words of William Shakespeare by integrating drama-based exercise into their present lesson plans. In this interactive workshop, participants discover how simple it is to create kinesthetic, drama-based lessons that serve academic objectives.

### Master Classes

Led by actors in The Acting Company's touring company, these interactive workshops cover a variety of theater related topics. Most are participatory and students are actively involved throughout. Topics sometimes include *Masks*, *Movement for the Actor*, *Stage Combat*, *Page-to-Stage* and *Acting Clues in Shakespeare*.

### Pre-Performance Discussions

Prior to performances, a member of The Acting Company leads a short discussion of the play and introduces the audience to various elements of the production. A more in-depth discussion of the play is also available.

### Question and Answer

Q&A Sessions with the cast are offered after every performance (schedule permitting). Moderated by a cast member, these sessions allow the audience and members of the touring company to interact.

### Teacher Resource Guides

Available on The Acting Company website, [www.TheActingCompany.org](http://www.TheActingCompany.org), and free of charge, the Teacher Resource Guides offer a variety of lesson plans to enhance the students' experience of all their productions in both the classroom and the theater. The guides contain complete lesson plans that use innovative drama-based techniques.