

# EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS

## Overview & Teacher Resources

### Arkansas Schools Tour

TheatreSquared's Arkansas Schools Tour is designed to bring live theatre and hands-on workshops to Arkansas high schools, with a particular focus on communities that lack access to the arts and arts-based curricula. Through the tour, students in grades 9-12 experience a 45-minute performance and immersive in-school workshops led by T2's professional artists. The program is offered at no cost to participating schools.

In the 2012/13 Season, the tour reached more than 50 high schools and 10,000 students and their teachers throughout Arkansas. Lead partners for TheatreSquared's Arkansas Schools Tour include the Arkansas Arts Council, the Windgate Charitable Foundation, and the Willard and Pat Walker Charitable Foundation. TheatreSquared is actively seeking to expand the Arkansas Schools Tour to additional high schools throughout the state, at no cost to participants.



### Student Performances, Workshops & Teaching Materials

Through charitable sponsorships and individual support, TheatreSquared is able to offer groups of junior high and high school students deeply subsidized single ticket prices — discounted up to 75% from single ticket prices. Student group prices apply to the following performances:

Thursdays, 7:30pm; Saturdays, 2:00pm; Sundays, 2:00pm

Special weekday matinee performances for field trips may also be scheduled upon request for groups of 75 students or more.

With each production, TheatreSquared offers free teacher workshops and complimentary teaching materials to extend the experience beyond the theatre and into the classroom. Teachers will receive lesson plans and classroom handouts.

### Professional Development

Each summer, the Theatre offers the week-long **T2 Professional Development Institute**, conferring 25 hours of Arkansas professional development units in partnership with the University of Arkansas. Scholarships are available for educators interested in attending the annual retreat at the Winthrop Rockefeller Institute in Morrilton, Arkansas.

### Word/Play

TheatreSquared's Word/Play program is a semester-long residency developed in partnership with the University of Arkansas Brown Chair in English Literacy. Designed to help readers and writers testing below grade level by using the tools of theatrical collaboration and playwriting, the six-session residency concludes with a performance of ten-minute plays by students. Word/Play and Word/Play ESL residencies are offered free of charge to participating schools.

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# BOOKING A STUDENT GROUP

## Group Prices, Terms & Conditions

### Discounted Ticket Prices

Student group ticket prices are as follows:

Groups of fewer than 20: \$10 per student (55% discount).

Groups of 20-49: \$8 per student (65% discount).

Groups of 50+: \$7 per student (75% discount).

The Studio Theatre's maximum capacity is 175 seats.

### Reservations

Reservations for student groups can be made at any time, but T2 recommends that larger groups be reserved well in advance to assure availability. Requests for dedicated weekday student matinees must be made at least two months in advance of the requested performance time. Schools and educators may make a reservation by calling TheatreSquared at **479-595-8590**. A reservation is not final until a contract has been signed and a 25% deposit received.

### Payment policy

25% of the total cost will be due as a deposit no later than two weeks after a phone reservation has been made and a contract received in the mail. The balance (75%) is due three weeks prior to the performance. Payments must be made in a single sum with credit card, check, or cash (in person). Separate checks from individual students are not accepted

### Cancellation policy

Once a contract has been signed for a performance, it is a final sale. To avoid cancellations, please check your school calendar for test dates, holidays, report card pick-up dates, special activities, etc. before making your reservation..

### Chaperones

T2 offers one complimentary chaperone ticket per student group; additional chaperones may attend at the reduced price ticket rate. Adult chaperones are responsible for ensuring that their students' conduct is appropriate during their visit to the theatre..



# ARKANSAS SCHOOLS TOUR

## Free Professional Performances, Across Arkansas

### The Poe Show, The History Show & The Math Show

TheatreSquared's Arkansas Schools Tour brings professional performances of original, 45-minute scripts, designed to engage with Common Core curriculum, to high schools and junior high schools across Arkansas. Titles are rotated each year so that students will see a different performance over the course of four years.

With funding from the Arkansas Arts Council, the Windgate Charitable Foundation, the Willard and Pat Walker Charitable Foundation, and private support, all performances are offered free of charge to participating schools. Only a limited number of schools may participate each year, but TheatreSquared is currently expanding its touring roster.

### In-Class Workshops

In addition to the 45-minute play, TheatreSquared will also provide in-class workshops presented by the touring teaching artists after each performance. These workshops are designed to address the creative process and to bring literature to life in the classroom setting.

TheatreSquared is also happy to be able to provide a comprehensive Teacher Guide full of activities, biographical information, lesson plans, homework assignments, writing prompts and discussion questions that will enhance the theatregoing experience - all of which adhere to the Arkansas State Learning Standards.

*"My name is Nicole Bledsoe, and I teach English at Mena High School. I just moved from the Memphis area, and I have to say that this was the best thing I have seen presented at a school in my eleven years of teaching. We had a lot of exposure to culture and programs in West Memphis and Marion -- we were lucky to be close to so many great things there, BUT I haven't seen a program that engaged students (and teachers alike) as well as your program did ever before. It came across as genuine and "real" -- the characters didn't seem to be acting and that is important to high school kids who despise fake.*

*The script was also so clever and witty -- it didn't talk down to them, and it moved quickly enough to keep them interested -- who knew you could get them to listen to the Gettysburg Address without falling asleep? Keep up the good work because I think you have something spectacular going. I would love to see you at our school again next year!"*

Nicole Bledsoe, English, Mena High School

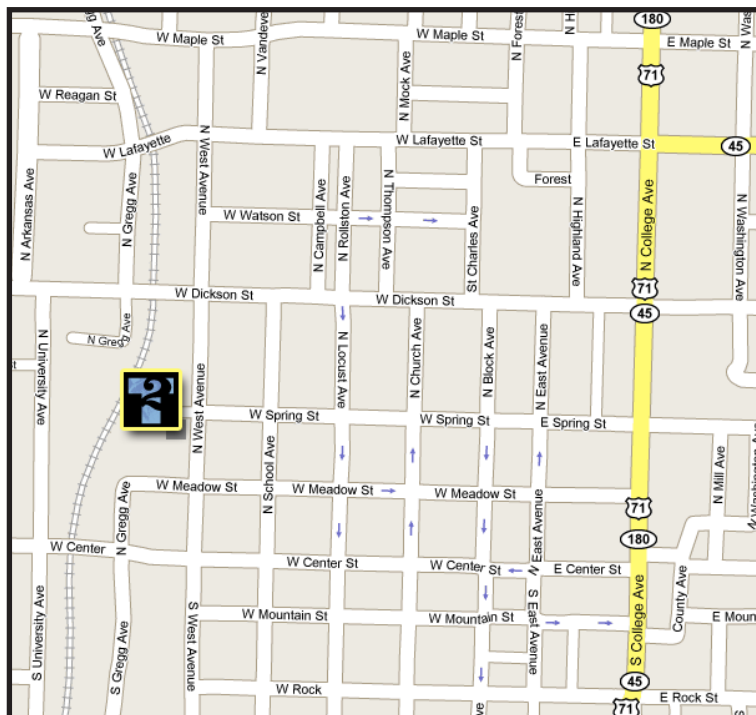
*"I got a letter from a student personally thanking me for getting the show to our school. He stated that no one had ever taken the time to bring something that educational and entertaining into our school and he would remember it for years to come. Thank you. Can't wait to see what you have in store for next year!"*

Ali Maze, Flippin High School



# GETTING TO THE THEATRE

## Directions, Parking, and Dining Options



### Parking

#### For cars and vans:

Students may be dropped off at the turnaround in front of Nadine Baum Studios. Free parking is available in the parking garage at Fayetteville Public Library, two blocks to the south of Nadine Baum Studios near the intersection of West and Mountain streets. Paid parking is available in the municipal parking lots directly adjacent to the Walton Arts Center.

#### For buses:

Students may be dropped off at the turnaround in front of Nadine Baum Studios. Reserved parking for buses is available nearby with advance notice. Please contact Morgan Hicks, director of education and program development, for details at (479) 445-6333.

**TheatreSquared performs at Walton Arts Center's Nadine Baum Studios at 505 W. Spring Street in Fayetteville.**

#### From the South:

From I-40 take I-540 North at Alma, Arkansas.

#### From the North:

From I-44 take US-71 South at Joplin, Missouri (it will turn into I-540 at Rogers, Arkansas).

#### From the West:

From I-44 take US-412 East at Tulsa, Oklahoma. Turn South at I-540 in Springdale, Arkansas.

#### From the East:

You will come in on either I-40 or I-44, see above.

#### Exit in Fayetteville at exit #62.

Turn east onto Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. Proceed to a traffic light at the intersection with School Avenue (Walgreens Drug at the intersection). Turn left on School Avenue. Continue on the "S" curve up the hill to College Ave, US-71B. Follow College to Spring St. and turn left. Proceed to the intersection of Spring and West. Nadine Baum Studios is directly ahead of you.

### Dining

TheatreSquared can arrange affordable lunch or dinner (pizza, sandwiches or other options) to be delivered to the theatre for groups of students. To arrange for a student meal to be included in your visit, please call the theatre at (479) 445-6333.

Off-site options for student groups include:

#### Feltner Brothers

Adjacent to Nadine Baum Studios. Phone: (479) 966-4488.

#### Jimmy John's

518 W. Dickson Street. Phone: (479) 571-0600.