

# SPOTLIGHT ON EDUCATION



*Left: Students attending our Big Read Kick Off Event*

*Above: Actor Gerard Neugent works with Summer Theater Conservatory students*

## From the Education Director..

It is an exciting year in education as we continue to expand our programming in the 2011/12 Season. After launching a full student matinee program last season with 14 matinees, we planned on 19 this year and have already added more due to high demand! We have

also added additional Rep Immersion Days and doubled the number of Reading Residencies we are conducting in schools. We are also participating in the NEA/Arts Midwest's Big Read program this season around our production of *To Kill a Mockingbird*.

Enjoy reading the stories of our programs thus far this year. We welcome each of you to get involved with Rep Education!

*Jenny Kostreva, Education Director*

### FUN FACTS FOR 2011/12

- Almost 12,000 students are scheduled to see a production so far this season
- We have residencies scheduled in 48 classrooms this season
- About 2,000 students will experience Rep Immersion Day
- There are 34 events currently scheduled for The Big Read



ACTOR LEE E. ERNST, RONALD MCDONALD AND MARK CLEMENTS AT THE BIG READ KICK OFF EVENT



STUDENTS READING A STORY BEFORE BRINGING IT TO LIFE



# To Kill a Mockingbird

We are pleased to be participating in the NEA's The Big Read around *To Kill a Mockingbird* from September - March. The Rep is committed to bring the work we do out into the community and this is a fantastic way to use the power of storytelling to discuss prominent issues we still face in Milwaukee today.

*To Kill a Mockingbird* provides a platform to discuss tolerance, innocence, family, racism and the courage to live up to what you believe. We aim to encourage reading and have a dialogue around these relevant themes throughout the community. We are working with over 20 community

partners on this project, including Milwaukee Public Library, Milwaukee Public Schools, Time Warner Cable, McDonalds, various bookstores, literacy agencies, universities and more.

Our Big Read includes Book Discussions with Dramatic Readings, Movie Nights, an Art Contest, Panel Discussions, a Keynote Address and, of course, our production of *To Kill a Mockingbird*. You can get involved with our events by volunteering or simply attending! Go to [www.BigReadMilwaukee.com](http://www.BigReadMilwaukee.com) for more information. Also check out Time Warner Cable's WI on Demand to view clips from our Kick Off Event!

**THANK YOU TO OUR BIG READ SPONSORS!**



NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE ARTS



Primary Community Partner:



We have given almost 1,500 books so far!



MPS Superintendent Dr. Gregory Thornton with Senator Lena Taylor with her son at The Big Read Kickoff!



The Big Read Kickoff attendees



Big Read Event at UW-Milwaukee



Student taking notes in his copy of the novel

## RESIDENCY PROGRAMS

A school residency is when we bring a Teaching Artist to a classroom for four or more visits. The goal is to provide students with an in-depth learning experience versus a one shot exposure to theater. We have several residency programs which all aim to teach school curriculum through the art of theater. Students learn theater skills while learning reading comprehension as we are able to bring literature to life for them through their imaginations and the art on our stages.

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**"THIS IS NOT JUST 'A NICE EXPOSURE TO THE ARTS.' THIS IS REAL LEARNING ABOUT DRAMATIC LITERATURE" -REP TRUSTEE**

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### Types of Residencies

We have various types of residencies that meet curriculum standards including Scriptworks, School Subscription, After School programs and, our most popular, Reading Comprehension Residencies. Visits often include reading and acting our various parts of a script, attending productions and participating in dialogue around a performance with actors and artists from the show. Students are having fun while learning vital life skills!

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**"THANK YOU SO MUCH, THE KIDS LOVE WHEN YOU COME ON TUESDAYS...AND THEY'RE 8TH GRADERS SO THEY DON'T REALLY LOVE MUCH." -TEACHER**

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### 2011/12 School Partners

The following schools are participating in a Rep Residency this season:

- Alliance High School
- Audubon High School
- Bay View High School
- Bruce Guadalupe Middle School
- Carmen High School
- Dominican High School
- Grandview High School
- Hamilton High School
- International Peace Academy
- Manitoba School
- Milwaukee High School of the Arts
- Morse Marshall School
- Neighborhood House of Milwaukee
- Ronald Reagan College Prep High School
- Rufus King IB High School
- School of Career & Technology Education
- St. Joan Antida High School
- Story School
- Trowbridge School
- Veritas High School
- Washington High School
- Wings Academy
- Young Leaders Academy



## WORKSHOPS

ACTOR RYAN QUINN LEADS A THEATER EXERCISE WITH A CLASS AS PART OF A PRE-SHOW VISIT FOR *YELLOWMAN*. OUR WORKSHOPS INCLUDE A VISIT TO THE SCHOOL BY AN ACTOR, INSIGHT INTO THE PRODUCTION, DISCUSSION OF HOW THE PLAY IS BROUGHT TO LIFE AND AN ACTIVITY TO PRACTICE SKILLS NECESSARY FOR AN ACTOR TO LIVE TRUTHFULLY ONSTAGE!



## SUMMER PROGRAMS

OUR SUMMER THEATER CONSERVATORY IS A PROFESSIONAL TRAINING PROGRAM FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS - ADULT. STUDENTS DIVE DEEP INTO TEXT AND SHOWCASE THEIR WORK AT THE END OF THE TWO-WEEK INTENSIVE!

WE ALSO DO SUMMER THEATER AND READING PROGRAMS WITH SCHOOLS! THIS SUMMER WE DID PROGRAMS AT 14 SCHOOLS!



## TEEN COUNCIL

TEEN COUNCIL IS A GROUP OF TEENAGE BOARD MEMBERS THAT PLAN EVENTS AND PROGRAMMING FOR TEENS IN MILWAUKEE. THEY HOST TEEN NIGHTS AROUND PRODUCTIONS AT THE REP, WORKSHOPS AND MORE. THIS IS OUR SECOND SEASON WITH A TEEN COUNCIL. THEIR FIRST EVENT OF THIS SEASON WAS A TEEN NIGHT DURING OUR PRODUCTION OF *LOMBARDI*.

## REP EDUCATION MISSION STATEMENT

To enrich lives through vital theater experiences that offer lifelong learning opportunities for all.



Visit our website at [www.milwaukeeep.com/education/outreach.htm](http://www.milwaukeeep.com/education/outreach.htm)

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REP EDUCATION STAFF AT OPENING NIGHT OF LOMBARDI

## NEWS FROM THE STAFF

We will soon be welcoming our newest member of Rep Education as Education Director Jenny Kostreva is expecting to have a baby this December!

Neal Easterling can be contacted for Student Matinees, Backstage Tours and Teen Council.  
Laura Webb can be contacted for anything regarding The Big Read.  
Leda Hoffmann can be contacted for all school programming and any other questions!

## EDUCATION SPONSORS

- THE EINHORN FAMILY FOUNDATION
- THE FAYE MCBEATH FOUNDATION
- GREATER MILWAUKEE FOUNDATION
- THE GARDNER FOUNDATION
- THE HARLEY-DAVIDSON FOUNDATION
- HELEN BADER FOUNDATION
- JANE BRADLEY PETTIT FOUNDATION
- JOHNSON CONTROLS FOUNDATION
- MARSHALL & ILSLEY FOUNDATION
- MILWAUKEE ARTS BOARD
- MPS PARTNERSHIP FOR THE ARTS
- MPS PARTNERSHIP FOR THE HUMANITIES
- NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE ARTS/ ARTS MIDWEST
- NORTHWESTERN MUTUAL FOUNDATION
- PARK BANK
- THE RICHARD AND ETHEL HERZFELD FOUNDATION
- TARGET
- WE ENERGIES

## The Impact of Student Matinees...

Bringing students to The Rep is always an interesting experience. Many of the attendees have never attended theater before or are there through a school field trip and not necessarily by choice. Given this, the impression we make on the students is extremely important if we want them to return to the theater!

We strive to make theater accessible to students through making it an event. They aren't just attending the show, but they are experiencing the magic behind its creation and interacting with actors and production staff. Between Rep Immersion Days and Talkbacks, we see their true engagement.

One of the most rewarding aspects of Rep Education is seeing the students who fall in love with theater. We have even seen students return from a student matinee, bringing friends back to see shows again during a Teen Night. It is a wonderful part of what we do at The Rep.



Actor Laura Gordon with STC Students