PUTTING STUDENTS FIRST IN ARTS CLASSROOM COMMUNITY + FUTURE EDUCATION WORKSHOP

Jabari Dreams of Freedom

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Grades 3rd-6th
ABOUT THE SHOW

As young Jabari is searching for freedom, his dreams take him into the past to meet Ruby Bridges, Claudette Colvin, and other young civil rights leaders. Through their experiences, Jabari learns what it means to be fearless and hopes to apply these lessons to his modern-day world. *Jabari Dreams of Freedom* uses "rap, freedom songs, hip hop dance, and humor to empower young audiences to be brave and stand up. Let’s lift every voice and sing!" ¹

WATCH JABARI DREAMS OF FREEDOM TRAILER

ABOUT NEW VICTORY THEATER

Opening in 1995 after an extensive restoration of a historic theater, New Victory Theater was the first off-Broadway specifically aimed at children and families. ² New Victory is committed to bringing art to children both in New York City and globally. Introducing audiences to new cultures, artists, and stories is an important part of its mission. Powered by New 42, New Victory has become a leader in arts education, youth development, and community engagement. New Victory has received the Arts Education Award from Americans for the Arts and the National Arts and Humanities Youth Program Award from the President’s Committee on the Arts and the Humanities. The Drama Desk has honored New Victory for “providing enchanting, sophisticated children’s theater that appeals to the child in all of us and for nurturing love of theater in young people.” ³

TAKE A TOUR OF NEW VICTORY THEATER

EXPLORE // Classroom Workshops

**Inspirational Posters** Grades 3rd-6th
In this workshop, students will select an inspirational quote from either a civil rights advocate or another prominent figure who has advocated for peace to create a visual piece of art. Using various media, students will illustrate the deeper meaning of the quotes and orally discuss their visual representations.
[Click Here for Workshop](#)

**Freedom Songs** Grades 4th-6th
In this workshop, students will analyze a well-known freedom song from the civil rights movement and will compare it to Martin Luther King Jr.’s speech. Students will work in small groups to create a chant or song to demonstrate an act for change.
[Click Here for Workshop](#)

EXPLORE // The Civil Rights Movements

**Freedom on the Menu: The Greensboro Sit-Ins**
Carole Boston Weatherford
There were signs all throughout town telling eight-year-old Connie where she could and could not go. But when Connie sees four young men take a stand for equal rights at a Woolworth’s lunch counter in Greensboro, North Carolina, she realizes that things may soon change. Changes are coming to Connie’s town, but Connie just wants to sit at the lunch counter and eat a banana split like everyone else.  

EXPLORE // The Civil Rights Movements cont.

You Can Too! Civil Rights Champions
Kelly Rodgers
Rights are things that make life fair for everyone. But sometimes people are treated unfairly. When this happens, we have to stand up for what is right. We have to become civil rights champions!"  

Last Stop on Market Street
Matt de la Pena
Every Sunday after church, CJ and his grandma ride the bus across town. But today, CJ wonders why they don’t own a car like his friend Colby. Why doesn’t he have an iPod like the boys on the bus? How come they always have to get off in the dirty part of town? Each question is met with an encouraging answer from grandma, who helps him see the beauty—and fun—in their routine and the world around them. 

The Story of Civil Rights
Wil Mara
Including Rosa Parks and the Montgomery Bus Boycott, and Martin Luther King Jr. and the March on Washington, read the stories of the amazing men and women who fought for equality during the civil rights movement. Learn all about civil rights—what they are, and why they're important. This book covers the history of civil rights in the US, including slavery and the abolition of slavery, and segregation. It discusses the momentous civil rights movement, from sit-ins and protests, to marches and inspirational speeches, to legislation for equality. There’s also information about modern-day issues, and how children can use their voices to become activists in their own communities.

WATCH
CIVIL RIGHTS HEROES
THE GIRL BEFORE ROSA PARKS | CLAUDETTE COLVIN

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Mari Copeny
Amariyanna “Mari” Copeny is from Flint, Michigan. In 2016, when she was eight years old, she wrote a letter to President Barack Obama to raise awareness “about the Flint water crisis and fundraising to support underprivileged children in her community and across the country.”

READ MORE
WATCH MARI READ HER LETTER TO PRESIDENT OBAMA

Robby Novak
Robby Novak began his acting career as Kid President when he was eight years old. In an effort to make a difference in the world, he has initiated fundraisers to help the homeless, sick, and hungry to name a few. Novak “believes that it’s the small things that make a difference and we can influence others to make a difference too. It all comes from within us and not from materialistic possessions or titles or power. He believes he can change the world and so can we.”

WATCH A PEP-TALK FROM A KID PRESIDENT
WATCH 20 THINGS WE SHOULD SAY MORE OFTEN

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“A Pep Talk From Kid President to You.” Soul Pancake. January 24, 2013. YouTube video, 3:27. [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=i-gQLqv9f4o](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=i-gQLqv9f4o).


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