In the Year of the Boar and Jackie Robinson

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Grades 3rd-8th
ABOUT THE SHOW

Based on the book by Bette Bao Lord and adapted for the stage by Mark Branner, *The Year of the Boar and Jackie Robinson* tells the autobiographical story of a young girl, Shirley, who comes to the United States from China in 1947. Through language and cultural barriers, she finds herself frustrated and worried about making friends. Then, she discovers the Brooklyn Dodgers and Jackie Robinson, and she begins to feel more comfortable in this new country. Honolulu Theatre for Youth shares this story through a dramatic performance that uses humor, Chinese and English, and multimedia staging to bring the audience closer to Shirley’s experience in a new country very different from where she’s from.¹

MEET THE AUTHOR

JULIA DONALDSON

Bette Bao Lord’s children’s book In the Year of the Boar and Jackie Robinson captures her own experiences as an immigrant to the United States when she was eight. Her father was an engineer, and the Chinese government sent him to the United States to purchase equipment in 1946. The family found themselves stranded when Mao Zedong and the communist rebels took control in China. As an author and civic activist, she has continually worked for human rights and democracy. ²

ABOUT THE THEATER

Founded in 1955, Honolulu Theatre for Youth (HTY) has become a highly-respected children’s theater and seeks to impact children, families, and teachers through professional theater and drama education programs. The company has commissioned over 300 new plays for children. HTY focuses specifically on drama education and performance, seeing these as “unique, socially-based education and art forms that help their participants and audiences walk in the shoes of others, allowing them to expand their imaginations, enrich their lives and discover the infinite possibilities in the world.”³

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