



### THEATRE-BASED BULLYING PREVENTION PROGRAM

Safa's Story is an interactive theatre program that brings a school tour show and additional in-class offerings for children ages 8-14. The program teaches young people tools for creating spaces of empathy, inclusion and belonging.

Based on the real experiences of a San Diego native, Safa is a Zimbabwean American fifth grader with a big imagination and an even bigger heart. Through music and storytelling, audiences watch, and then participate, as Safa enters fifth grade and faces some unexpected challenges.

Safa's Story is a Forum Theater play, a rare style of theatre that uses role-play to allow audiences to explore ways to change the world around them. During the program, participants are invited to step into the shoes of the play's characters and to learn to take action on behalf of themselves or their peers when they experience bullying and conflict. This hopeful and innovative program offers children creative tools to navigate important, and sometimes difficult, conversations.



## AUDIENCE RESPONSES

"It was an inspiring play about standing up for yourself and others. Not everyone knows how to stand up for themselves, and this is a way to practice." - 4th grade student

"This was the best play I ever watched." - 5th grade student

"It felt good to express my feelings because I've been in that same situation." - 6th grade student

"They stirred our hearts and brought forth a social responsibility to create kindness and justice.

- Teacher

# PROGRAM DETAILS

#### **PROGRAM PACKAGE**

- 1-hour pre-show lesson with an Imagine Teaching Artist working in each classroom before the assembly.
- 90-minute assembly with up to 100 students at a time.
- 1-hour post-show lesson with an Imagine Teaching Artist working in each classroom before the assembly.

#### **ADDITIONAL DETAILS**

- Ideal participating audience 4th-6th grade children
- Suggested scheduling for an entire grade when possible.
- All scheduling is between October 7 and November 15, 2024
- It is recommended that a school counselor or social worker participate.

## SCHEDULING MUST BE COMPLETE BEFORE SEPTEMBER 20, 2024

