



FORUM FOR SCHOOLS 2021-22

Interactive, social justice-based theatre programming for students.



To inquire about our offerings, write to communications@mixedcompanytheatre.com

WHAT WE DO

Mixed Company Theatre facilitates workshops and presentations of Forum Theatre - an UNESCO-recognized educational tool - to engage, educate and empower audiences in schools, communities, and workplaces.

This high impact and participatory form of theatre is known for its effectiveness in helping students tackle issues that directly affect them. Forum Theatre offers students an opportunity to "rehearse for reality" and try out their own solutions for positive change.

WHAT IS FORUM THEATRE?

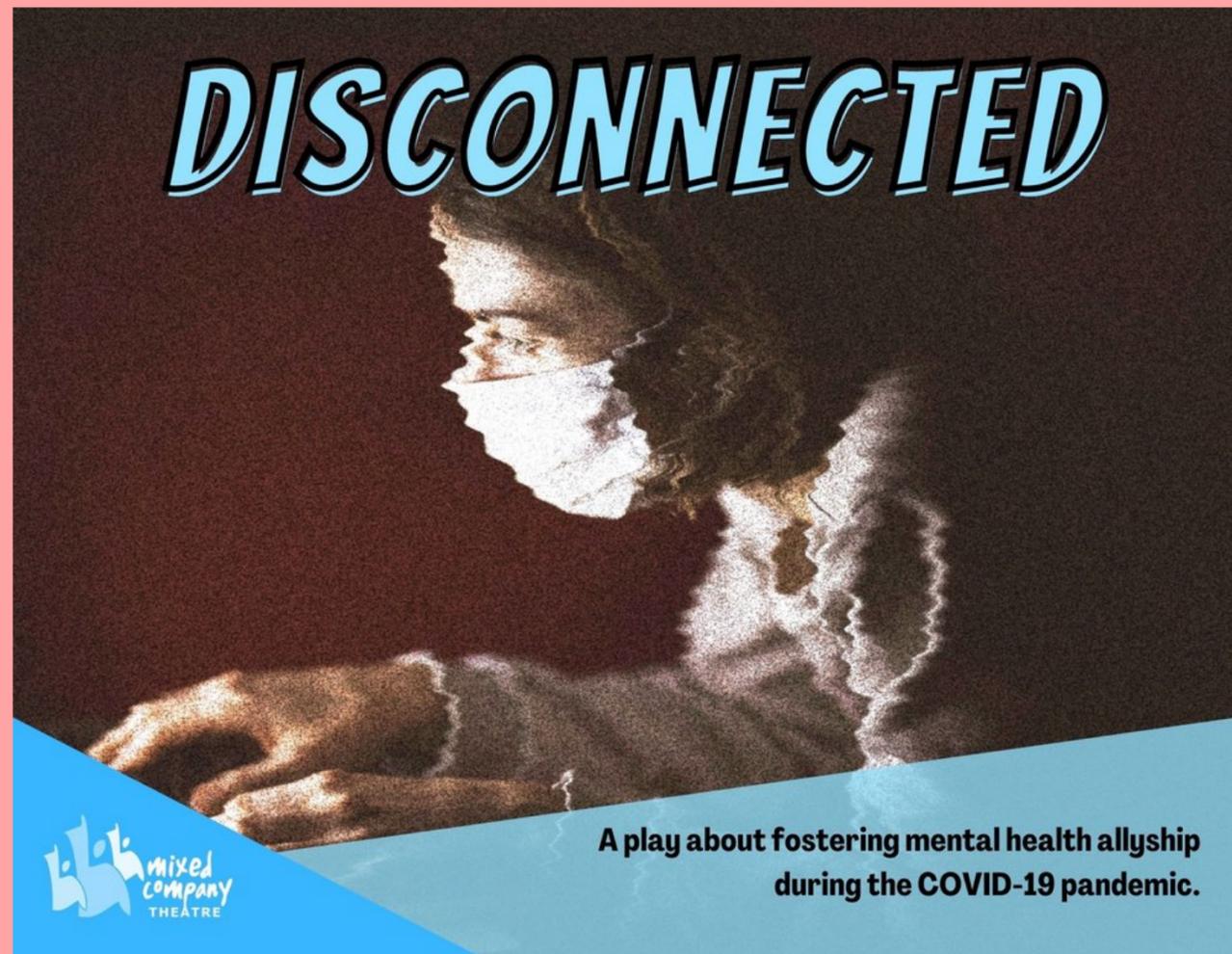
In a typical Forum Theatre play, a story representing a social issue is created and performed by actors. Students are then invited onto the stage by a trained facilitator to enact an "intervention" where they can either replace a character or suggest a change to the story to result in a positive, alternative ending.

Through open and supportive Forum Theatre facilitation, students are able to share and explore strategies with one another in a safe artistic environment.

LIGHTNING FORUM THEATRE PRESENTATIONS

 **75-90 MIN**

Interactive plays designed to address pressing social issues with larger audiences



➤ **Play Description:**

Conflict arises among friends as they struggle with maintaining personal relationships, and mental health challenges brought about by the COVID-19 pandemic.

➤ **Driving Question:** How can we recognize the signs and support students experiencing mental health challenges due to the COVID-19 pandemic?

➤ **Key Presentation Themes:**

- Supportive mental health allyship
- Recognizing the signs of mental health challenges in peers
- Combatting mental health stigma
- Pandemic specific mental health concerns

\$950 + HST

Virtual Delivery

In Person Delivery Likely Available 2022*

Max 350-400 students

Recommended for Grades 5+

*In person delivery would only be available for schools located in the Greater Toronto Area and subject to health and safety guidelines. Travel costs apply for in person presentations.

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➤ **Play Description:**

LGBTQ2S+ students experience a variety of insensitive comments and actions both in the classroom and during their extracurricular activities.

➤ **Driving Question:** How can we work together to build a more tolerant and inclusive environment for LGBTQ2S+ and BIPOC students?

➤ **Key Presentation Themes:**

- "Tokenism"
- Supportive allyship
- Tolerance, diversity, and inclusion
- Intersections of race & LGBTQ2S+ challenges

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- ▶ **Play Description:** Students experience a myriad of assumptions, stereotypes, and harmful dismissals while working with peers of different cultural backgrounds.
- ▶ **Driving Question:** How can we disrupt cultural privilege in the school environment and foster greater awareness of cultural differences?
- ▶ **Key Presentation Themes:**
 - Cultural privilege
 - Racial/cultural micro-aggressions
 - Systemic power imbalances
 - Cultural bias and assumptions

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TAILOR-MADE LFTS

If you are interested in a topic not covered in one of our pre-designed presentations, write to us and we can customize a presentation for your school!

Sample topics...

- Gender Based Violence
- Bullying & Cyber Bullying
- Environmental Awareness
- Gang Violence
- Anti-Racism
- And much more!



\$1550 + HST **Virtual Delivery** **In Person Delivery Likely Available 2022*** **Max 350-400 students** **Recommended for Grades 5+**

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CLASSROOM FORUM THEATRE WORKSHOPS



1 CLASS PERIOD

Participatory sessions using theatre exercises to address social justice topics with individual classes

Students experience a blend of fun group games, critical discussion, and participatory theatre exercises in order to unpack, discuss, and find actionable solutions to a social justice based topic.

Sample topics...

- Bullying
- Mental Health
- Consent
- Homophobia & Transphobia
- Sexual Assault and Harassment
- Substance Misuse
- Inclusion and Equity
- Peer Pressure



\$250 + HST for up to 90 min*

Virtual & In Person Delivery

Max 30 students

Recommended for Grades 4+

*For workshops longer than 90 min, contact for pricing. Travel costs also apply for in person workshops. In Person delivery is only available for schools located in the Greater Toronto Area and subject to health and safety guidelines.

TESTIMONIALS & IMPACT

100%

of educators who responded to our feedback survey for classroom workshops in 2020-21 said they would recommend MCT to colleagues

"Personally, I really love the interactive aspect of the presentation. Not only are we given realistic presentations about how the "new normal" affected students' mental health, but we were also given the opportunity to interact and voice out our opinions regarding the subject matter. Through this, the presentation made me reflect more on my actions and words towards others."

- Student

"I really appreciated how the [Forum Theatre] format allowed students to immerse themselves in situations and was impressed with the level of student participation... they could test out their theories in real time. The students got the chance to speak up for themselves..."

- Timothy, Youth Worker and Teacher

"Very valuable for the students involved. They were able to experience Forum Theatre first hand in a safe and welcoming environment!"

- Educator

CURRICULUM LINKS

Our Arts programming closely follows curriculum expectations for English, Health and Physical Education, Drama, and Social Sciences.

Mixed Company's Forum Theatre programming requires students to use their **Social-Emotional Learning Skills** and **Personal Awareness** to analyze, question, or empathize with the decisions made by the characters. They allow students to practice identifying communication strategies, exploring the creation of art, and the promotion of equity and social justice.

Click on each of the headings below to learn how our programming connects to each subject's curriculum goals:

[Health & Physical Education](#)
[\(Gr. 6-12\)](#)

[Social Sciences](#)
[\(Gr. 9-12\)](#)

[English](#)
[\(Gr. 6-12\)](#)

[Drama](#)
[\(Gr. 6-12\)](#)



MIXED COMPANY THEATRE has been producing innovative socially-relevant theatre as a tool for positive change since 1983. Today we are Toronto's foremost Forum Theatre company, known for our commitment to inspiring communities and schools across Ontario to create social change through theatrical practice.

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