



Forum For Schools

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Interactive, social justice-based theatre
programming for students.

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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. Some of the topics we have addressed in schools have included mental health, bullying, consent, gang violence, and more.

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.

Forum Theatre offers students an opportunity to "rehearse for reality" and explore strategies for positive change together in a safe, artistic environment.

Lightning Forum Theatre Presentations

 **75-90 min**

Interactive plays designed to address pressing social issues with larger audiences

Tailor-Made LFTs

We offer presentations that are customized to the unique interests of your school in relation to student learning around social justice, equity, and mental health!

The scenes developed for each LFT presentation are short and targeted so students get most of the presentation time to replace characters and act out their own solutions – it is a high-impact and highly engaging platform for dialogue and discussion in a very safe and collaborative environment.

» **Sample Topics:** *Gender Based Violence, bullying and cyber bullying, environmental awareness, gang violence, anti-racism, mental health, consent, sexual assault & harassment, and more!*

\$1800 + HST*

Max 350 Students

Grades 5+



*The price listed here is inclusive of travel fees for schools located in the Greater Toronto Area. For schools located outside of the GTA, additional travel costs will apply. For virtual delivery, contact MCT staff for pricing details.

Classroom Forum Theatre Workshops



**1 Class
Period**

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

Topic-Based Workshops

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, leadership, sexual assault & harassment, substance misuse, inclusion, equity & anti-racism, peer pressure, and more!*

Forum Theatre Methodology Workshops

While engaging students in Forum Theatre games and exercises, we tailor the discussions and facilitation to give students a better understanding of the methods and principles of the format, to align with Drama curriculum objectives.



\$400 + HST*

1 Class (25 students)

Grades 4+

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Testimonials & Impact

“Our girls were inspired and in awe of the Mixed Company Theatre's presentation - it was entertaining, thought provoking, and fun! Our students also appreciated the chance to interact with the company and reflect on the important messages being shared. Thanks again to everyone for making this one of our great presentations this year and for reminding us about fostering positive relationships with each other!”

– Educator

“Engaging performers engaging young people by sharing genuine stories - can't beat that!”

- Educator

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

- Educator

“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

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 our characters. Our process allows students to practice identifying communication strategies, and explore the creation of art while promoting 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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