



Smithsonian Associates

## DISCOVERY THEATER COMES TO YOUR SCHOOL!

### TOURS *great for school-wide assemblies*

the bilingual fun of *Fábulas Fairy Tales* (Kindergarten-Grade 3)

the Civil Rights-era portrait *How Old is a Hero?* (Kindergarten-Grade 6)

earth science, cultural themes – and puppets! *Mother Earth & Me* (Kindergarten-Grade 5)

### Booking & Prices:

To book a show or check availability, please contact Artivate at 301-588-7525 or online at [www.GoArtivate.org](http://www.GoArtivate.org). School fees range from \$650-\$900.

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### RESIDENCIES *specialized for preK & Kindergarten*

Professional Development with a bonus! This acclaimed program, first developed to enrich DC Public Schools Early Childhood Education, is now available for your school. Enjoy an interactive curriculum-based, Smithsonian museum theatre performance. Pair it with an in-classroom playlab experience with a PD focus for PreK/K teachers and paraprofessionals.

### What to expect:

- **a 35 minute performance** with Discovery Theater artists
- **45 minute classroom visit** in which the teaching artist(s) will go to circle time with students to lead them in a discussion about the performance and then move into 'free play.' The artist will model interactions and talk with the teacher(s) about opportunities to use Tools of Discovery techniques.
- **Teacher debrief** and dialogue about takeaways from the day; introduce the learning guide and Tools of Discovery Digital Library, and offer suggestions for further contact and research into child-led, museum theatre based teaching.

### What is Tools of Discovery?

In 2013, Discovery Theater developed an innovative arts/education program for DCPS early education teachers and their students who were implementing the "Tools of the Mind" curriculum. Derived from the theories of Lev Vygotski, **the curriculum uses guided play to promote early childhood literacy and the development of executive function, self-regulation, and creative thinking in pre-K and Kindergarten classrooms.** Discovery Theater has developed techniques that our actors/educators employ to help teachers develop creative, guided play in the classroom.

### Sample Schedule:

8:00 AM – Discovery Theater staff arrives at school

9:15 AM – Performance (35-40 mins)

10:00 AM – Classroom Time (45-50 mins/classroom)

11:00 AM – Teacher Debrief (30-45 mins; can also be done during lunch time)

### Cost:

Cost varies based on school size/number of classrooms, etc. Base price for most schools is \$1,000 (up to 3 classrooms) and goes up from there. If you have a small daycare/preschool, please contact us for alternate rates.

### Questions? Ready to schedule?

Contact Sam Game at [GameS@si.edu](mailto:GameS@si.edu) or 202-633-8591