

## Touching the hearts and minds of students throughout the Baltimore-Washington region!

**THE COLUMBIA CENTER FOR THEATRICAL ARTS** (CCTA) is a well-respected arts nonprofit with 40 years of experience and service to the youth of the Baltimore-Washington area. It was founded in 1972 by Toby Orenstein at the invitation of visionary developer Jim Rouse with a mission to *educate through the arts* by creating theatrical experiences that inspire thought, action, creativity and change. CCTA serves approximately 40,000 children annually with a CONSERVATORY program of classes, camps and workshops; THEATRICAL PRODUCTIONS offering performances for schools; and an OUTREACH PROGRAM that makes

theatrical experiences accessible for students who are often excluded from mainstream arts programming.

CCTA's programs can be divided into three main areas:

**The Conservatory** offers performing arts-based programs designed to nurture and develop the whole child. These include *Tots and Kids on Broadway* musical theatre classes; *After School Programs* at area schools; annual *Workshops*; three *Performing Arts Camps*; and the nationally-recognized *Teen Professional Theatre*, recipient of five grants from the National Endowment for the Arts.

Our **Theatrical Arts Productions** offers professional performances that are related to school curriculum and reflect current social issues and concerns. They are enjoyed by thousands of students each year from throughout the Baltimore-Washington area. Favorites include *Ben Carson, M.D.; The Diary of Anne Frank; Miss Nelson is Missing; Charlotte's Web, Holes, The Ugly Duckling* and many more!

CCTA's **Outreach Programs** are designed to make theatre arts available and accessible to the neediest student in our region. Programs include the *Ben Carson Project* which brings students from the Baltimore City Public School System to performances of CCTA's original play *Ben Carson, M.D.;* the *After School Project* offering free theatre classes for low and moderate income students in both Howard County and Baltimore City; a *Performing Arts Camp* for Baltimore City youth; and *Broadway Kids,* a partnership with Loyola University that utilizes theater to deliver speech and social therapies to children with special needs.

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