Eighth Grade Programs

Marshalling Justice
John Doyle

Follow the life of our first African American Supreme Court Justice, Thurgood Marshall. Known as “Mr. Civil Rights”, Marshall stood up for equality and justice for many years prior to his appointment to the U.S. Supreme Court. The elderly Marshall reflects on his early years, his work as a Civil Rights lawyer, and the momentous changes in the United States during his lifetime in this 50-minute first person play. Students will reenact his important Supreme Court case: Brown v. Board of Education. The presentation includes primary source images as a backdrop.

GSE: S8H7b; SS8H12a, b, c; TA8.RE.1

Max # of Students: 150 (N/A if virtual)
Program Length: 1 hour Assembly
Location & Times: School TBD & Virtual
Dates: In-person-TBD; Available for Two Week Time Period

The Adventures of High John the Conqueror
Rob Cleveland

The Adventures of High John the Conqueror is a performance of stories and music celebrating one of America’s earliest and least known folk heroes. High John was born on slave plantations and served as an inspiration for those who needed it most. In the company of other trickster characters, such as Anansi and Br'er Rabbit, High John will delight audiences of all ages. Gifted storyteller, Rob Cleveland, makes High John come alive and thoroughly engages an eighth grade audience.

GSE: SSBH2d; SSBH5a; SSBH6; SSBH7; ELAGSE8SL2

Max # of Students: 150 (N/A if virtual)
Program Length: 1 hour Assembly
Location & Times: School TBD & Virtual
Dates: In-person-TBD; Available for Two Week Time Period

Dinner at the Periodic Table
Barry Stewart Mann

What happens when Nitro and Oxy try to hang out? What is Carbo’s deep dark secret? Noble gases? -- yeah, right! Who will you become? Who will you have good or bad ‘chemistry’ with? What reactions will be sparked, and what order and chaos will ensue? In this fully interactive classroom-based workshop, students will explore the elements of the periodic table through the lens of drama. We’ll gather scientific knowledge and understanding and use the dramatic strategies of character development and improvisation to take the chemistry further into a series of engaging activities that tap imagination while staying connected with the curriculum. Students will use what they know, learn new information, engage with one another creatively, and discover a new way of thinking about science - and have a lot of fun.

GSE: SBP1.e; ELAGSE8SL1; TAB.CR.2a,b,c,d

Max # of Students: 150 (N/A if virtual)
Program Length: 1 hour Workshop
Location & Times: School TBD & Virtual
Dates: Indicate date when your request program

Actor’s Workshop!

Highest Office: The Campaign History of a Small Town President
Barry Stewart Mann

This Living History program, originally commissioned by and performed at the Carter Presidential Library, traces the rise of Georgia native and 39th President of the United States, Jimmy Carter, through multiple characters and historical images. From a run for State Senate in Southwest Georgia, to the Governor’s House in Atlanta, to the 1976 Democratic nomination and Presidential election, Carter’s campaigns are dominated by such themes as race, civil rights, regionalism, and the value of family. Authentic images and memorabilia from the period fill the program, and Barry uses costumes, dialects and sharp characterizations to bring to life such characters as Lester Maddox, Hamilton Jordan, Gerald Ford, and, of course, President Carter himself.

GSE: SSBH12b ; TAB.RE.1

Max # of Students: 150 (N/A if virtual)
Program Length: 1 hour Assembly
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FIG Newton: Science Through Juggling
Ron Anglin

Professional educator and juggler, Ron Anglin, holds a Master’s degree in Education and has 9 years of classroom teaching experience. His program, F.I.G. (Force, Inertia, and Get a Reaction) Newton, explores Newton’s Three Laws of Motion through juggling. The program also gets students up and moving, tapping their concentration and balance. Students explore physical science concepts by juggling scarves, Spin and Toss Chinese YoYos, spinning plates, and playing Kendama.

GSE: S8P2, S8P3, S8P5, PE8.1, PE8.2, PE8.5

Max # of Students: 200 Assembly, 35 workshop (1 class per workshop)
Program Length: 1 hour Assembly, 50 minute workshop
Location & Times: School TBD & Virtual
Dates: In-person-TBD; Available for Two Week Time Period

And Then They Came for Me
Georgia Ensemble Theatre

And Then They Came for Me is a unique theatrical experience: a multimedia play that combines videotaped interviews with Holocaust survivors Ed Silverberg and Eva Schloss with live actors recreating scenes from their lives during World War II. Part oral history, part dramatic action, part direct address, part remembrance, the ensemble-driven. And They Came for Me accurately portrays an important historical event, while encouraging teachers and students to think about timely issues.

GSE: SS6H3b; ELAGSE6RL3; ELAGSE6RL7; ELASGSE6SL2; ELAGSE6SL3; TAG.RE.1d

Max # of Students: N/A Virtual
Program Length: 1 hour Assembly
Location & Times: School TBD; Virtual not available
Dates: Indicate date when your request program

Winkle in Time
Georgia Ensemble Theater

It was a dark and stormy night. Out of this wild night, a strange visitor comes to the Murry house and beckons Meg, her brother, Charles Wallace, and their friend Calvin O’Keefe, on a most dangerous and extraordinary adventure—one that will threaten their lives and our universe. Winner of the 1963 Newbery Medal.

Max # of Students: N/A Virtual
Program Length: 1 hour Assembly
Location & Times: Virtual Only
Dates: Available Digitally for a Two Day Time Period

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Civil War Walking Tour in Historic Roswell

Variety of Actors & Docents

Through a unique partnership between the Fulton County Schools’ Teaching Museum North and the City of Roswell’s Barrington Hall and Bulloch Hall, and the Roswell Historical Society, Georgia History will come alive for Fulton County 8th grade students. The 1/2-mile tour focuses on the years just prior to, during, and after Union encampment in Roswell and includes antebellum homes, a historic chapel, the town square, and multiple “come-to-life” historical figures based on primary-source documents. At the conclusion of the tour, students enjoy their brown bag lunch.

The walking tour makes Roswell’s historical treasures accessible to students and directly aligns with the GSE for 8th grade Georgia History. Through knowledgeable walking guides and professional theater artists portraying historical figures, students will learn about a range of perspectives and hear from a variety of Roswell voices. Students will learn about the removal of the Cherokee and the land lottery, consider the natural resources that attracted the first industrialists, ponder the lives of the many mill workers that fuel the textile industries, and contemplate the lives of the slaves that build the industrial infrastructure. Join us for this extraordinary opportunity!

GSE: SS8h5a, b; SS8h6; ELAGSE8RL6; ELAGSE8SL1; TA8.RE.1d

Max # of Students: 200
Program Length: 3 hours
Location & Times: Museum North Only
Dates: TBD

Shakespearean Love

Barry Stewart Mann & Mari Martinez

In this duo program, Barry and partner Mari Martinez explore the theme of Romantic Love as presented through selected works of the great poet-dramatist William Shakespeare. The program features four sonnets, including analysis of the one that forms the initial interaction between Romeo and Juliet. Pivotal scenes from two well-known plays – The Tempest and Much Ado About Nothing – are presented first in contemporary paraphrasing with student volunteers, and then in Shakespeare’s original language. The program culminates in an unlikely romantic swordfight layered onto one of Shakespeare’s most famous scenes.

GSE: ELAGSE8SL2; TA8.RE.1

Max # of Students: 200 (N/A if virtual)
Program Length: 1 hour Assembly
Location & Times: School TBD & Virtual
Dates: In-person-TBD; Available Digitally for a Two Week Time Period

Check out the Eighth Grade Traveling Trunks!

Humanities
- Civil War Homefront/Battlefield
- Between the Wars: The Great Depression and the New Deal
- Propaganda and Political Cartoons
- World War II on the Home Front
- Georgia in World War II
- Cherokees of Georgia

STEM
- Ocean Blizzard- Marine Snow Challenge Trunk
- "Riding the Concrete Wave" (Part I) - Helmet Challenge
- "Riding the Concrete Wave" (Part II) - Skate Park Challenge
- The Physical Properties of Matter Trunk
- Magnetic Force Lab Trunk