

The Barter Players®

The Barter Players have been acclaimed worldwide as one of the finest theatres for young people anywhere. From Moscow to Miami, audiences have praised their performances. In the grand tradition of Barter Theatre, one of America's oldest and most respected theatres, The Barter Players tour with a unique combination of education and entertainment, plus the commitment to bring world-class theatre to young people of all ages and backgrounds.

Barter Theatre History Barter Theatre, The State Theatre of Virginia, is the oldest professional theatre in the country. Barter was founded in 1933 by Robert Porterfield, who made an extraordinary offer to Depression-era actors and audiences: barter produce to gain admission to see a play. The concept of exchanging "Ham for Hamlet" was an overnight success. Barter is also noted for helping launch the acting careers of Hume Cronyn, Ernest Borgnine, Ned Beatty, Patricia Neal, Gregory Peck and more than 100 other distinguished alumni.

Testing Curriculum All of our productions are built to go hand-in-hand with your school's curriculum. Please call for information on study packets with SOL and TCAP listings for each show, as well as information on our award-winning online educational game.

Classroom Workshops Classroom workshops may be scheduled independently or following a performance. Workshops involve young people creating theatre from their own life experiences and are adapted to the age level of the students. We show them how they can do it just like us! Also ask about our actor talkback sessions immediately following performances.

Fees Fees are negotiable, but we think you will find that we charge considerably less than other theatres of such professional quality. We strive to be affordable to anyone who desires a Barter Players performance. Further discounts are given for block bookings in your area.



For more information on
booking a show or workshop call

276-619-3347

or e-mail The Barter Players at
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Artistic Director of
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Recommended for Grades 8 and up

The Scarlet Letter

Adapted from Nathaniel Hawthorne's novel by Catherine Bush

For her crime, Hester Prynne has been sentenced to wear the scarlet letter "A" for the remainder of her life. But someone in the town of Boston is as guilty as she, and Hester's husband Chillingworth is determined to find out who it is. Share with your students this faithful adaptation of one of America's most famous and moving stories.



Recommended for all ages

The Adventures of Tom Sawyer

Adapted from Mark Twain's novel by Mike Ostroski

Whether it's fishing with Huckleberry Finn, convincing his friends to whitewash Aunt Polly's fence or falling in love with Becky Thatcher, nobody loves life more than the irascible Tom Sawyer. Then Tom stumbles upon a deadly secret—a secret that takes him on the greatest adventure of all. Enjoy the magic of Mark Twain in this American classic.

"Our students were able to experience live, professional theatre without having to travel."

—Haysi High School; Haysi, Va.



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BILLY-GOAT-GRUFF: THE MUSICAL

by Gwen Edwards and Ben Mackel

This is the musical tale of Billy, Goat, and Gruff, three goat brothers who go on an adventure to search for food before the harsh winter snow descends upon their mountain. As they journey, they encounter many dangers, including a nasty troll, and discover that if they follow their hearts, anything is possible. Don't miss the best new children's musical you've seen in years!



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