

A Midnight Cry:

The Underground Railroad to Freedom

Musical by James DeVita



Whisperings of a railroad helping slaves across to the free states seemed too good to be true to young Lida Anderson. But with the help of other slaves, abolitionists and her family, Lida risks everything to be free. Leaving behind the only life she knows, she embarks on a dangerous journey out of slavery to freedom.

A Midnight Cry is at the heart of an educational initiative centered around **Margaret Garner**, a poignant opera being produced by the Auditorium Theatre of Roosevelt University in November of 2008. This program is specifically designed for grades 4-8 and will play to as many students as your school can accommodate.

A Midnight Cry is composed of:

- An extraordinary & stimulating collection of pre-show lesson plans, materials & artifacts tied to the Illinois Learning Standards
- The performance of A Midnight Cry in your school
- A post-show workshop facilitated by the show's artist/teachers & ATRU education staff
- A Teacher's Resource Pack with suggestions for further learning extensions of the themes and issues related to the program

Aims of the Program:

- To investigate how and why the Underground Railroad developed and its role in Illinois history
- To raise questions of human rights and personal dignity
- To compare what is considered legal and what is considered ethical
- To provoke thought and discussion about how the color of a person's skin effected his or her worth, intelligence and independence

Playing Requirements:

- Exclusive access to a hall or gym to accommodate a performance space
- Access to that area 1 hour prior to the beginning of the show for our setup and 1 hour after, for a total experience time of 3 hours
- We require that teachers be present at all times during the performance and for any post-show activities

Cost of the Program:

Due to support of our lead education sponsor, Kraft Foods, we are able to offer the program at NO COST to the Chicago Public School System.

Dates are filling fast – BOOK NOW!

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