



# OLNEY THEATRE CENTER

## Olney Theatre Center wants to unleash the creativity in your students!

Our **Collaborative Playwriting Program (CPP)** is a comprehensive arts learning experience that spans most of an academic year. Our engaging teaching artists partner with classroom teachers to guide students through activities that build to **the performance of an original play**.

The CPP is designed to connect with the fifth grade curriculum and emphasizes the 21st Century Learning Skills known as the Four Cs: **Collaboration, Creativity, Critical Thinking, and Communication**. The program consists of three phases that *culminate in a performance on our stage!*

- Phase 1:** Introduction to Theatre and Creative Collaboration
- Phase 2:** Script Development and Theatrical Design
- Phase 3:** Rehearsal and Performance

### FAST FACTS:

- Olney's arts integration program grew organically from a partnership with a single area school in the 2012-13 school year. This year, we are serving **twenty classrooms in seven schools!**
- Our teaching artists work with students and teachers in their classrooms to **develop their collaborative skills** and **compose their original plays**. Students travel to **perform their work** at Olney Theatre Center.
- The program is primarily designed for **fifth grade students**, but we have successfully modified it for younger and older students.
- The CPP follows students through their fifth grade year. Additionally, our **supplementary arts integration program for fourth graders** can be implemented during the spring.
- This program offers students opportunities to learn and practice **collaboration, flexibility, memorization, commitment, empathy, and much more!**



*"I thought this program would be a good language arts unit, but it was so much more than that; it **changed the way we teach our students...** Talk about bringing the arts into the classroom!"*

—Kimberley Row  
5th grade teacher  
Strawberry Knoll Elementary

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