

"Spectacular!" (Headmaster, Crescent School)

"An amazing show with an important message! Everyone loved it" (Head of Lower School, Crestwood)

"McMurtry is a comic dynamo!... He has the kids rolling in the aisles" (The Globe and Mail)

"The students loved it; they were totally enraptured!" (Head of Junior School, Royal St. George's College)

CINDERFELLA

Comedy Theatre For All Ages

Critically-acclaimed writer/performer Michael McMurtry has had two one-man shows produced for television and his short films have aired on The Comedy Network and CBC. And he was a regular on CityTV's "Godivas" for which he received a Gemini nomination. Recently, his All-Ages comedy "Happyview P.S." was a critical and audience hit. Currently, Michael is wowing young audiences with his new show "Cinderfella" a delightful retelling of the popular Cinderella tale... with a twist.



"Hilarious! A great show for primary AND Junior kids!" (Principal, Givens/Shaw PS)

"A provocative way to get the students to rethink fairy tales... Thoroughly entertaining!" (Vice-Principal, Bishop Strachan School)

"Great fun! McMurtry holds his young audience entranced!" (The Toronto Star)

"Michael kept the whole gym enthralled... A great show!" (Vice Principal King Edward PS)

"Extremely funny! Amazing characters!" (Soli & Rob Joy, "Toronto's #1 Children's Entertainers")

"Excellent in all respects!" (Principal, Albert College Junior School)

"A wonderful story... An awesome entertainer!" (Principal, Chine Dr. PS)

"Hilarious and delightful... a must see for all students!" (Principal, Bannockburn School)

A hilarious twist on a classic tale!

When his mother dies, Cinderfella becomes a helpless servant to his wicked step-mother and her two horrible sons.

But his determination to stay positive in the face of misery ensures that his greatest dreams will come true. Yes, this is the beloved fairy tale classic... like you've never seen it before. From our deeply sincere hero to the outrageously silly Royal Knight, McMurtry enthralled the kids with a high-speed parade of hilarious characters. And while there's plenty of crowd-pleasing comedy, magic, singing, dancing and audience participation, at the core, Cinderfella is a heart-felt tale with crucial life lessons about courage, kindness and perseverance. **An unforgettable theatrical event.**



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“The versatile McMurtry displays improvisational finesse, maintaining laughs an interest throughout.”

(EYEWEEKLY Magazine)

“An exhilarating one man play that celebrates what’s important in our world” (Vice-Principal, Roden PS)

“An ‘assembly’ of talent! McMurtry is a nimble clown... Lots of fun!” (NOW Magazine)

“The boys were sitting on the edge of their seats - fully engaged in this lively and entertaining show!” (Teacher, UCC)

“Great fun for students AND staff!” (Principal, Clinton Street P.S.)

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"An action-packed and humorous show, highly recommended for a grade 1-6 audience. Michael is an energetic performer with an amazing stage presence"

(Headmaster, UCC)

“Entertaining, engaging and very interactive. The play reached out to the entire student audience ranging from grade 1 to 6. A great complement to the curriculum!”

(Principal, Ossington/Old Orchard P.S.)



CURRICULUM FOCUS AND EXPECTATIONS

Character Education:

Empathy, honesty, optimism, integrity, self-discipline, responsibility, humility

Expectations:

- Express personal responses and make connections to characters, themes, issues presented in play
- Recognize and name characteristics of drama performances that incorporate various elements of theatre (*fairy tales, one-person show, storytelling, the art of comedy*)
- Explain, using drama terms, how elements of drama are used to produce effects and audience response
- Develop, share and justify an informed point of view about the play
- Recognize their own talents, strengths, competencies, and accomplishments

Themes:

Taking responsibility for one’s action; identifying strengths and weaknesses of character

DETAILS

Run time: 45 minutes (approx.)

Appropriate for Grades K-8

Optional Q&A after the show

Study Guide available

TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS:

Large open area (school gymnasium ideal)

Access to power outlet

Children’s Theatre Workshops

INTRODUCTION TO IMPROVISATION!

Through games and exercises, students learn the fundamentals of Improvisation. (90 min)

CREATE YOUR OWN FAIRY TALE!

Students learn the fundamentals of Improv Comedy, then use what they’ve learned to create and perform an original fairy tale. (20 hours)