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**TRAVELING LANTERN THEATRE COMPANY REACHES CHILDREN
THROUGHOUT THE NATION**

Now in its 20th year, Traveling Lantern Theatre Company continues its mission to educate and entertain children, bringing great stories from literature, history and biographies to life for audiences across the United States.

Following the model used by quality educators, the company incorporates interactive participation with the audience into each performance. Whether cheering the villain, creating sound effects or playing one of the main characters in the show, children from the audience are provided a hands-on opportunity to share in the experience live theatre.

“Our company’s mission is to reinforce the arts curriculum in schools and enhance summer reading programs at libraries with our very affordable, accessible and interactive performances,” said K.B. Mercer, executive director of Traveling Lantern.

All shows use a team of two versatile actors, who perform with many changes of character and costume, in productions ranging from beloved classic children’s stories to historical pastiches from Ancient Greece and Elizabethan England. Newest additions to Traveling Lantern’s repertoire include biographical plays on Mozart, Beethoven, Da Vinci or Cesar Chavez, and performance/teaching residencies.

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Pinocchio

The adventures of life teach a puppet about honesty and humanity.

A little wooden marionette is lovingly created by a master craftsmen... but what a bad little puppet he turns out to be! He's selfish and greedy, and he lies. He doesn't listen to the good council of anyone: his father Gepetto, a philosopher Cricket, or a Blue Fairy. After many hair raising adventures, Pinocchio finally learns what it takes to become human... kindness, compassion, loyalty, hard work and selflessness.

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