

# Echoes & Actions

A 3-DAY THEATRE WORKSHOP



Created for 5<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> grade students

Produced by Imagine Theatre

**83% of School Principals**

say arts education helps develop collaboration, confidence, & empathy.

— Arts Education Partnership

**Students 4 X more likely**

to be recognized for academic achievement if involved in the arts.

— Americans for the Arts



# Workshop Details

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## An Imagine Theatre Teaching Artist will join you at your school/classroom

On-site workshops bring the “drama” to the safety of your school site. The 3-day workshop is divided over three weeks, preferably Fridays. This course is designed for groups of 20 to 35. Imagine Theatre provides all the paperwork used in the workshop. Schools are asked to provide a movable whiteboard and access to share YouTube videos may also be requested.

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## Workshop rates

One group of up to 35 students: \$1,200 for all 3 visits

Two groups of up to 35 students: \$2,000 for all 3 visits

Three groups of up to 35 students: \$2,500 for all 3 visits

A 50% deposit required at signing, and the remaining 50% is due at the beginning of the third day lesson. Full amount due if workshop cancelled by the school within 2 weeks of first lesson.



**Imagine Theatre is  
LA's Theatre for Young Audiences**

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## About us

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Imagine Theatre strives to build an empathetic and inclusive society, across cultures, by immersing young people in theatre that celebrates gender equity, diversity, and civic engagement.



“The stage is not merely the meeting place of all the arts, but is also the return of art to life.” -Oscar Wilde

## Workshop Schedule

Day	Basic	
<b>One - Theatre as Ritual</b>	Welcome & Icebreaker	Name & Gesture game (say your name with a movement, everyone repeats)  Brief chat: “What’s your favorite story and why?”
	What is a ritual?	Examples: birthdays, sports rituals, weddings, graduations  Ritual = Repeated + Symbolic + Intentional  How theatre grew out of rituals  What rituals exist in your life?
	Movement exercise:  create and share a ritual	In small groups, create a short 4-part ritual:  -Opening gesture  -A symbolic action (ex: offering, circling, chanting)  -A climax  -A closing  Use sound, movement, and rhythm (no words needed)
	Wrap-up	What did you feel while watching?  Connecting rituals to theatre
	Homework	Ask older relatives about their rituals.

Day	Basic	
<b>Two - Origins</b>	Review of Homework	Rituals from the elders
	What is theatre?	Theatre = Story + Audience + Action Quick timeline: From ancient rituals to modern plays
	What is art?	Why is art so hard to define?
	Across Cultures	Myths, Folklore, and Theatre across the globe.  What do they have in common?
	Parts of a play	Freytag Diagram
	Activity: Build a story	In small groups: use 5 random images or props to invent a short story  Share one sentence each in a "story circle"
	Wrap-up	Why do humans <i>need</i> stories?
<b>Three - Stories that Matter</b>	Lecture & Discussion	What is the role of art & theatre in society?
	Ask	Have you ever seen or heard a story that made you want to change something?
	Activity	Create a short scene where someone is treated unfairly. Then, replay it with a different choice that makes things better.  In groups of 3–5:  -Scene #1: Show the conflict or injustice  -Scene #2: Rewind and explore a more just or empathetic solution  Use <i>frozen pictures</i> , simple props, and clear physical storytelling.
	Wrap-up	Why theatre?

We are happy to walk you through every step.

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