

BOUNCE THE BASKETBALL OPERA

BOUNCE The Basketball Opera transforms the basketball court into a story-telling venue, bringing opera to a place where the audience is already familiar. Centered around Ike “Flight” Harris, *BOUNCE* immerses us in the triumphs and tragedies that basketball dreams bring. Flight is flying high towards stardom but his wings get clipped, changing his path. As his dreams crash back to earth, his world crashes in around him. Wild rumors circulate about how he got injured while his teammate TJ “Future” King has stepped into the spotlight during Flight’s grounding. With all this negativity surrounding him, Flight struggles to keep his grades and confidence up. What does it take to bounce back from tragedy? A team, mentors, real friends, and ultimately, the love of the game itself - a game that allows the quiet ones to speak, and bounce their words loud on concrete.

In lieu of the November premier, *BOUNCE* seeks to partner with Lexington, KY area organizations and schools to offer community engagement workshops in a collaborative effort to help introduce and expose youths to theatre and music through the game of basketball. The workshops will allow youths to learn basketball dribbling fundamentals, gain basic theatre and music knowledge, combine the two elements of art and sport to express their creativity and most importantly, the chance to better understand the complexities of growing up in today’s world.

The workshop will be led by *BOUNCE* cast members and consist of:

1. Basketball dribbling drills
2. Music and theatre terminology
3. Discussing gun violence, decision making, and overcoming adversity
4. Sharing the individual stories and experiences of cast members

Preferably, the workshop will last about 90 minutes and need to be conducted in a gym or open space to accommodate the bouncing of basketballs. However, adjustments can be made to transform any space into the *BOUNCE* stage.

If you’re interested in having the *BOUNCE* team come to your school or community organization, please reach back out to me so we can discuss a date a time. Ideally, all community engagement workshops will need to be completed by the end of October but other modifications can be made to best accommodate your schedule. For more information, please visit <http://www.ardeaarts.com/bounce/>.

Thanks,

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