



Evergreen Theatre Presents: “That’s the Truth” Project Background & Episode Guide

Project Development and Background:

Since our pause in operations on March 10th, 2020 we have wanted to ensure we were deliberate and intentional in the ways we chose to maintain connections with the communities we serve—ensuring we were true to our mission, vision and value driven priorities. More than half of the work undertaken by the Evergreen Theatre Society is for elementary school students across the province. As artists, parents and educators ourselves we wanted to cultivate content to continue those connections that wouldn’t require an extra commitment from educators and parents who are experiencing some much transition in response to the stay-at-home educational plan. We also needed to ensure we had capacity to create content that meets or exceeds our standards of artistic practice—as an organization we have no interest in creating content for content sake or approaching it without the required skills to enhance our relationships with our stakeholders.

During the Spring and Fall of 2019 350,000 students and educators across the province learned about climate change, sustainable building, renewable energy and media literacy through The Three Little Pigs and B.B. Wolfe, commissioned by Evergreen Theatre Society and written by Jana O’Connor. Educational content, specifically tied to the Alberta Education curriculum for students in K – 6, was curated by Christina Chase-Warrier.

The show was exceptionally well received within the Alberta Education Community—informative, entertaining and relatable.

Two Calgary based actors (Taryn Haley and Nick Driscoll) toured the show to over 99 schools in our province. Taryn as BB Wolfe, portrayed a strong female scientist focused on environmental education and dispelling myths in the media. Nick portrayed multiple citizens of Swinesville who were navigating scientific understanding. Every school we went to was greatly impacted by one of the Pigs in particular: Oinkie Thunderpunch—a sensational, hilarious and charismatic news anchor who worked in ‘myth and drama’ over fact.

Through the relationship of BB and Oinkie students were able to work on inquiry based scientific understanding and questioning sources of “fact vs fiction”. Content based on these two characters rooted in the Alberta K – 6 Curriculum is a place we can create digital work, meet our mission, maintain artistic excellence, connect with the communities we serve and contributed a value-added fun filled experience for students at home in Alberta.

Project Description:

Over May and June 2020 we will produce short clips of our heroes exploring science myth versus fact for digital distribution. All of the content will be taken from the Alberta Education curriculum and delivered by two characters that have already interacted in with thousands of Alberta students. The clips will all be designed to meet Instagram and TikTok time limitations while embracing the fast-paced delivery and instant gratification enjoyed by many of today’s young learners. All content will be free of charge.

Running until the end of the school year approximately four clips will be posted every week. In addition to Evergreen Theatre’s existing social media and interactive platforms (Website, Facebook, Instagram, Twitter) a dedicated YouTube channel was created to house the content, and TikTok account specific to the project was also launched.

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Episode Guide

Episode 1: “Introducing Oinkie Thunderpunch and B.B. Wolfe in *That’s the Truth*”

Episode 2: “Oinkie Goes Bananas!” (Do bananas grow on trees?)

Episode 3: “Lightning it Up!” (Can lightning strike the same place twice?)

Episode 4: “Sense and Plants-ability” (Plant “senses”)

Episode 5: “Peanuts Are What Now...?” (Are peanuts actually nuts?)

Episode 6: “Climate: Polar Meltdown” (Melting sea ice/polar ice caps)

Episode 7: “Climate vs. Weather” (Climate Call-In Show Intro)

Episode 8: “Climate Change vs. Global Warming” (Climate Call-In Show Part A)

Episode 9: “Climate Change: What Can We Do?” (Climate Call-In Show Part B)

Episode 10: “Spidey Senses” (Can spiders “hear”?)

Episode 11: “The Buzz on Bees” (Bees Part A: Bees are disappearing)

Episode 12: “Bees Can Boogie!” (Bees Part B: Bee-haviour)

Episode 13: “Who’s Who in the Hive?” (Bees Part C: Bee Types/Roles)

Episode 14: “Hydration for Generations” (Water Part A: Do we drink the same water our ancestors did?)

Episode 15: “Watering it Down” (Water Part B: Water Cycle)

Episode 16: “H2Oh No!” (Water Part C: Solid, Liquid, Gas States)

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