

Dear Parents/Guardians

Welcome to Carousel Players' 2018/19 Season of Theatre for Young Audiences! I am pleased to bring our production of *Whole World* by Sean Dixon to your child's school for students in grades 4 to 8.

In the funny and touching *Whole World*, grade six Omar is frustrated at being mistaken for a bully because of the challenges of communicating as an English-as-a-second-language student. As a member of a recently immigrated refugee family, he is dealing with many fears and insecurities. He tries to confront those who are mislabelling him as a bully with unexpected results.

Whole World explores themes and curriculum connections of *Social Studies, History and Geography, Physical Patterns in a Changing World, Global Settlement, Conflict & Bullying, Media, Perspectives & Communities in Canada, Character Education (Empathy, Courage)*.

We recognize that you may wish to discuss this play with your children before or after the performance. To support you and your children's educators, Carousel Players develops Study Guides in partnership with Brock University's Faculty of Teacher Education, which are available for download on our website. We also recommend the following resources:

- ['It holds all the culture': How a Syrian man reclaimed his prized collection of ouds](#) – a CBC radio documentary about culture, community, and connection.
- [Immigrant, Newcomer And Refugee Services - Hamilton Niagara Haldimand Brant](#) – groups providing services for newcomers and opportunities to support the newcomer community

For more information about this production, we encourage you to visit www.carouselplayers.com, and if you have any questions about the production please call our offices at 905-682-8326 or send us an email at info@carouselplayers.com.

About Carousel Players

Now celebrating our 47th season, Carousel Players is an award-winning professional theatre company for young audiences. We present inspiring and creative plays for children in theatres, schools and other performance venues. We are committed to ensuring that our performances, summer theatre school, and outreach programs can be accessed by all children and families regardless of their socioeconomic background.

Our plays are carefully crafted by teams of writers, designers, directors and actors especially for young people, and we at Carousel Players feel privileged to have the opportunity to bring our performances to your children in their school. As an actor myself in several past Carousel Players productions, it's always been a joy to see audiences of children enter their own school gym and be amazed at how it has been transformed into a completely new space by our show's set design. They are transported from their daily classroom routine into a place of imagination and play where they can dream and consider the world around them in a new way. This is the power of a school touring production from Carousel Players, and we are thankful to have the chance to share the art of theatre with your children.



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