

Proposal: Martina, A Cucaracha's Love Story Production
Hispanic Heritage Month
Matinee Show

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History

Founded in 1995, The Miracle Center uses the Arts as a *catalyst* for personal growth, leadership development, academic advancement and community engagement. Our academically- and culturally-enriched, *performance-based* programming impacts youth and their families by instilling *confidence* - the catalyzing agent that stimulates behavioral and social change. With a rich history in the Performing Arts, TMC maintains strong partnerships with legislators, schools and community leaders. In the last 23 years, TMC ensured affordable access to the Theater and Performing Arts to over 12,000 youth, ages 11-22, under the premise that Arts Education inspires people to redirect their focus academically, socially and professionally. TMC offers year-round, after-school programming, theater arts, youth entrepreneurship, work force development and summer arts camps for youth. TMC's comprehensive programs are available to young people at no charge Monday through Friday from 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM, during the school year and Monday through Friday from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM during the summer.

What we do:

The Miracle Center's (TMC) mission is to use the performing and visual arts as a tool for personal and professional growth via self-expression for youth and adults. TMC nurtures and encourages the development of the next generation of professional artists by offering them opportunities to perform and exhibit their work, train under professional theater and visual artists, and providing rehearsal, performance, exhibit and meeting space for up and coming artists. The organization accomplishes this by:

- Development of an arts incubator for the Logan Square/Hermosa Community for children, youth & adults
- Offering paid residencies to high school students who participate in its Youth Theater Ensemble program;
- Producing plays written and performed by community members of all ages;
- Employing professional theater artists, designers, musicians, filmmakers, choreographers, and arts educators to work alongside students and adults;
- Bringing high-quality professional performing arts to the Logan Square/Hermosa neighborhood through the presentation of stage productions and exhibitions by local artists, as well as partner organizations from throughout the city; and
- Serving as a hub for community meetings, celebrations, and gatherings.

Proposal for Matinee Show

- **Field Trip:** Martina, A Cucaracha's Love Story Production
- **Dates:**
 - Tuesday, October 22nd @ 10:00 am
 - Wednesday, October 23rd @ 10:00 am
 - Thursday, October 24th @ 10:00 am
 - Tuesday, October 29th @ 10:00 am
 - Wednesday, Oct. 30th @ 10:00 am
 - Thursday, October 31st @ 10:00 am
 - Tuesday, November 5th @ 10:00 am
 - Wednesday, November 6th @ 10:00 am
 - Thursday, November 7th @ 10:00 am
- **Theater Capacity: 232**
 - ** Matinee Performance group minimum = 25 people **
- **Grade Levels:** Pre-K – 5th Grade

Purpose: The Miracle Center (TMC) would like to host your school for a special production of “Martina, A Cucaracha’s Love Story” celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month.

- **Students/Teachers will receive the following:**
 - 60 Minute Production of “Martina, A Cucaracha’s Love Story”
 - Q & A Interactive Session:
 - 10-15 minute Talk Back with Actors, Director and Playwright of the Show
 - Teacher’s Resource Guide of the Show for Pre & Post Classroom Discussions

About The Play:

The Miracle Center’s Adult Theatre Ensemble Presents: A Puerto Rican Folktale, “Martina, A Cucaracha’s Love Story.” A colorful and comedic cultural story centered around the most beautiful cockroach in Puerto Rico, Martina. On her way to finding love Martina discovers the importance of embracing her uniqueness, that a person’s heart is more important than their appearance and that her Abuela’s (Grandmother’s) advice is always something she can trust in.

Total Cost: \$11/Ticket

Questions: Please contact Vanessa Torres at VTorres@TheMiracleCenter.org or 773-276-5933 ext. 5

*** Student Matinee Performance group minimum = 25 people ***

A 50% deposit MUST be used to reserve your seats with a Credit Card number and/or Check. You will be charged upon completing the payment form. If your group intends to make full payment with another method, you will have the opportunity to indicate so on the payment form. The remaining balance is due one month before the scheduled attendance date. *