

ALLEY THEATRE

Touring Production **OSKAR AND THE BIG BULLY BATTLE!** Begins New Fall Season

As a part of the Alley Character Education Series, Oskar helps students understand and embrace anti-bullying behaviors

“I loved the message of the play and the fact that it was so entertaining. Our students were definitely learning about bullying in a fun way.”

–School Counselor

(Houston, TX) - Alley Theatre's Character Education Series' ***Oskar and the Big Bully Battle!*** returns to the stage for a new season tour through November 16, 2018. This comic assembly was written by Prince Gomolvilas and developed by award-winning theatre artists to help kids learn about bullying as well as understand diversity and the value of accepting others for who they are.

In *Oskar*, ten-year-old Oskar loves his new shoes! They belong in a museum of GRRRRreatness! Or at least they did until Frank stepped on them. If apologies had happened then and there, this playground mishap would not have escalated into a wild adventure illustrating the roles of victim, bully, bystander, and upstander.

The cast and creative team of *Oskar and the Big Bully Battle!* Includes Micah Knupp as Oskar, Danial Regojo as Frank, Victoria Valentine as Beth, Director Mary Sutton, Stage Manager Lauren Julun, and Sound Designer Bradley Dean Whyte.

The ***Oskar*** series, presented by Alley's Education and Community Engagement department, has offered Greater Houston area elementary schools seven tours of five different productions since 2013. More than 150,000 students have seen the productions since the series debuted in Houston, and last year *Oskar* visited 82 Houston schools and served over 55,000 students.

Following the fall tour of *Oskar and the Big Bully Battle!*, *Oskar and the Curiously Colorful Clash* will begin a 2019 tour January 21–March 8, 2019.

BOOKING *Oskar*: Dates are still available for *Oskar and the Big Bully Battle!* Fall tour through November 16, 2018. To request info, visit alleytheatre.org/education or contact ECE Sales & Marketing Coordinator, Rachel Wagner at 713-315-5424 or rachelw@alleytheatre.org

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The mission of Alley Theatre's Education and Community Engagement department and Applied Theatre at the Alley is to gather, support, nurture, engage and educate. Applied Theatre at the Alley is a national driving force for innovative arts education. The program pioneers arts integration, cultivates the next generation of theatre artists, and fosters community discourse. For more info, visit <https://www.alleytheatre.org/education>