

THEATRE FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

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SUITABILITY: DURATION: COST PER STUDENT: MINIMUM PER SESSION:

NOTES:

55 minutes + 15 minute Q&A \$7.70 (\$7 + 70c GST) \$770 (\$700+ \$70 GST) If less than 100 students

Teacher Notes provided

Young Mary

The Play

St Mary MacKillop was determined, compassionate and steadfast, even as a child. This play introduces us to Young Mary and her many fun-filled and spirited childhood adventures. She shares her funny stories about growing up on a farm with her pet cow Blorac and her siblings: Maggie, John, Annie and 'our little Alick', named after their father Alexander, a Scottish Highlander. As Mary grows we bear witness to the determination of a hard working young woman with a burning desire for justice. She sets out to eliminate poverty and provide a fair education for all.

The play is funny, entertaining and involves the audience in acting and moral decision making. Young Mary's humour and compassion helps the audience enjoy and understand her life and leads to an appreciation of Mary's famous quote;

"Never see a need without trying to do something about it."

Comments

"Congratulations, well researched, excellent presentation, we loved the way you had the children involved." - St. Joseph's, Pinjarra, WA "Thank you! Style of presentation was excellent and very thoughtprovoking." - St. Joseph's, Bracken Ridge, QLD.

"Students were enthralled, they absolutely loved it!" - Sacred Heart, Launceston, TAS

"Lively and entertaining - the most interesting version of Mary Mackillop's life we've heard yet! Excellent discussion at the end. Thank you." - St. John Vianney's, Doonside, NSW

"I congratulate the performers. Excellent research, enthusiastic, skilled, warm actors. Kept the children enthralled." - St. Anthony's Parish, Marsfield NSW.

"Historical input accurate and suitable, presenting Mary Mackillop as a person. Congratulations to the performers, who were excellent and very professional." - **St. Joseph's, Riverwood, NSW**

"Excellent presentation and actors were great in handling children from all grades K-6. Answered children's questions with care".

- St. Therese, West Wollongong, NSW

"A most suitable production which simply outlined the life of Mary, and the poverty in which she lived. Congratulations." - Christ the King School, NSW.