



Dear Educator:

Thank you for your interest in *The Other America Tour* program, a public education program that increases the socio-cultural awareness, responsibility and action of high school youth. Through the highly effective methods of performing arts, activities, guided small group discussions and skill-enhancing workshops, the program emphasizes the connection between social justice and civil liberties. Enclosed are **three documents** that provide specific information about the program and the process to become a participant school for the spring 2009. They are the Program Arrangements form, the Preliminary Agreement form and a sample permission slip.

The first document titled **Program Arrangements** provides detailed information about the program and additional opportunities that compliment the *Tour*, as well as fees. If interested in participating, the pages 5 and 6 of this document should be e-mailed at pbriones@aclu-wi.org, faxed at 414.272.0182 or mailed to 207 E. Buffalo St. suite 325 Milwaukee, WI 53202 out by no later than January 27, 2009. (If packet is filled out past the deadline, please contact coordinator to check availability.)

The second document is a copy of the **Preliminary Agreement**. This document provides an example of the agreement between the school and the program under the stated terms. This is only a copy and not valid in any form. Once your application is received you will be notified and sent an official preliminary agreement with specific information on your school based on the content of the application.

The third document is a permission slip that you may feel free to amend in order to best suit your school's needs.

I am excited to provide the opportunity to work with your school this season and expect the program to assist you in your effort toward creating a more inclusive school community. Should you have any questions regarding this process or any other matter, please do not hesitate to contact me at 414- 272-4032 extension 25 or pbriones@aclu-wi.org.

Sincerely,

Patricia L. Briones
Statewide Coordinator, **the other america tour**

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Program Arrangement for Spring 2009

PROGRAM

The Tour Program is a one- school day option that includes the *Tunnel of Oppression*, an elaborate production that uses physical props, dramatic performances (some interaction with participants), multi-media and design lighting to illustrate the experiences and factual information about various social groups in society.

This program consists of *either* TWO SCHOOLS from different backgrounds (suburban and inner city) with an equal number of participants (50 each) *or* SEVERAL SCHOOLS (4), each with a 25 participant minimum (“INVITATIONAL”). Participating schools must indicate desired composite at time of application.

RETURNING PARTICIPANTS

In order to increase the quality of the program as well as the experience of the participants we ask that all schools try their best not to bring students that have already participated in the program. We have found that returning students do not benefit as much because they already have set expectations based on their first year of attendance. We understand how difficult it is for schools to find students to participate in the program and turn in all their required paper work by the deadline. Therefore, we have a solution. We can visit your school ahead of time for a one hour presentation to introduce interested students to the program and find out what they need to do to attend the event. This way we are presenting the program to new students and hopefully after the presentation they are more inclined to sign up and invite other new students to attend.

If interested sign up for the new “Program Preview Visit” on page 6.

FEE ASSESSMENT

Per-participant fees are calculated on the expectation that the total number of participants allowable will attend. Participating SCHOOLS MUST SUBMIT PAYMENT for TOTAL NUMBER of PARTICIPANTS ALLOWABLE from each respective school EVEN IF FEWER ATTEND.

Please see the end of this document for complete fee assessment (page 5).

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*** UNDERSTAND THE FOLLOWING IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE IF NEEDED**

Length: One full school day including the “Tunnel of Oppression”
Time: 8:45 am -2:00 pm (PLEASE NOTE THE TIME HAS CHANGED)
Number of participants: 100 MAXIMUM
Chaperone requirement: One school-approved adult representative per twenty five students participants. Chaperones will not be charged.
Location: Cardinal Stritch University (6801 N. Yates Rd., see map for more references)

Welcome 8:45 a.m.

1. Program Overview

- Purpose of program, liability of venue, and confidentiality agreement

2. Small Group Formation

- Participants are broken into four groups of 25 students, with the purpose to intermix all the students from the different high schools present.

Five Rotations (30 minutes each) 9:05 a.m.

- **Tunnel of Oppression:** a theater like production in which students see and become part of skits that represent past and present types of oppressions.
- **Access:** Through this activity students reenact what it is like to lack access to privilege in the larger society.
- **Rights:** Focus groups each receive a briefing sheet on their focus and develop a skit that outlines a plan of how to address an unconstitutional situation and how high school students and teens in general can affect positive social change by using this freedom.
- **Get to Know You:** An opportunity for students to interact and “break the ice” with the students from other schools. A buddy is assigned to each participant of opposite school.
- **Debriefing of Tunnel:** Students talk about what the tunnel of oppression represented to them and how they may or may not find similarities between the tunnel and their daily life.

Lunch (Assembly) 11:00 a.m.

- Participants **must remain in lunch area** unless granted permission by coordinators with primary school contact’s consent.
- Lunch length **will be adjusted** for program to **continue on schedule** (indicated by first listed time in each section).

GOAL (INDIVIDUAL): Introduce “buddy” from small groups to a school friend or classmate.

Afternoon Workshops (Assembly): Responsibility PI 12:00 p.m.

- Debriefing of Rights workshop: More in depth information of *Equality in Education, Fair Treatment, Free Expression, Religious Freedom, and Right to Privacy, What to do if stopped by police.* Discussion topics includes how to use our rights with responsibility.

PURPOSE: To **use Amendment rights to increase awareness** among participants’ circles of influence (i.e. families, friends, schools, places of employment, etc.).

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Afternoon Workshops (Assembly) Continues: *Responsibility P2* 1:00 p.m.

- Introduction of performers
- **Dramatic** performance/s
- Assembly **dialog***

Motivational performance/s (transition to “Action”)

**GOAL: To convey how pain or struggle can translate into empathy; demonstrate that allies are integral to achieving social progress.*

Action continued 1:50 p.m.

- **Evaluations** completed and collected within individual workshops.
- Facilitators present **follow-up opportunities**: *application for 2009-10 Tour Training Course.*

Program Closing (Assembly) 1:55 p.m.

- Closing **remarks**
- Miscellaneous **announcements**- e.g. lost items, messages for participants
- **Dismissal** by school

[Total time: 5 hours 20 minutes]

If interested in participating in the Tour Program, please fill out the two following pages and fax (414-272-0182) or mail them to ACLU of Wisconsin 207 East Buffalo St., suite 325 Milwaukee WI, 53202 to the attention of: The Other America Tour

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FEE ASSESSMENT

STANDARD PROGRAM *Deadline for Spring 2009 Season: January 27, 2009*

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The fees listed below INCLUDE the following items:

“Tunnel of Oppression” elements*

Materials (participant folders, pens & markers, activity supplies)

Lunch

Performance artist/s honoraria

Travel (staff transportation, lodging, meals)*

PLEASE NOTE that the fee DOES NOT INCLUDE:

Transportation of participants to and from the program venue. So, please be aware that you will have to create this arrangement. An option that does not work with MPS schools is to Alliance Transportation at (414) 747-0101.

The venue is Cardinal Stritch University, located on 6801 North Yates Road, Milwaukee, WI 53217 in the Auditorium located in the Campus Center next to the library (see **J building on map for exact drop off and pick up location**)

Greater Milwaukee Area (March 16, 17, 18, 19, 20 of 2009)

\$10.00 per student*

***PARTIAL AND FULL SCHOLARSHIPS ARE AVAILABLE FOR SCHOOLS TO WHOM THE FEE MAY BE AN OBSTACLE. PLEASE CALL TO GET FURTHER INFORMATION**

PROGRAM ARRANGEMENTS

Indicate (with a check mark) which options your school would like to participate in...

Again, we ask that your school tries their best to not bring students that have already participated in the program. An explanation and solution is explained on page 2.

- TWO SCHOOLS with a number of 50 students participants
- Or*
- THREE to FOUR SCHOOLS, each with a 25 participant minimum (“INVITATIONAL”)

Please indicate, which day you would prefer to be part of. Understand, your choice does not guaranty its placement.

Greater Milwaukee Area (March 16, 17, 18, 19, 20 of 2009)

- Monday, March 16, 2009
- Tuesday, March 17, 2009
- Wednesday, March 18, 2009
- Thursday, March 19, 2009
- Friday, March 20, 2009

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Please state if you are interested in promoting this program to other schools within your area and/or if you have already have a preference for school partnership. (Include all their contact information)

There are also a component recommended to all participating schools to enhance the Tour Program with the following purposes.

- NEW PROGRAM PREVIEW VISIT**
Deadline for scheduling Program Preview Visit (Spring 2009): January 27, 2009

*Tour representatives will visit your school to brief the participants who have been selected to attend the program or may be interested in attending. The Tour representatives will explain the **purpose** and **different sections** of the program; they will also address **expectations** and learn what **specific issues participants would like to see** their program reflect.*

Greater Milwaukee Area (Three hours roundtrip & under) \$50.00 per school SCHOLARSHIPS ARE AVAILABLE FOR SCHOOLS TO WHOM THE FEE MAY BE AN OBSTACLE.

Person filling out this application: _____

Contact information of the person:

Phone:(____) _____ extension: _____ Fax: (____) _____

E-mail: _____

Mailing address _____ State: _____ Zip code: _____

Signature _____

Date _____

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The Other America Tour: 2008
Preliminary Agreement with Participating Schools

The ACLU of Wisconsin is pleased to present *The Other America Tour* ("program") in cooperation with _____ High School during its spring 2009 season (**March 16, 17, 18, 19, 20 of 2009**).

Upon execution of this preliminary agreement, each participating school will select or be assigned to a program with other school/s ("partner school/s") as determined and agreed upon by all parties to that program. Partner school/s will be located within a pre-determined geographic region of the state/s. The program will take place at a neutral venue ("host") and coordinators will make all necessary arrangements with the host.

The total program fee per school is assessed according to the total number of CONFIRMED participants, including students, faculty, administration and other parties from a given school; confirmation of the total number of participants from a given school is needed at the time of down payment (fourteen days prior to program date). If the total number of participants in the program is less than the confirmed number, coordinators will receive the full program fee. The program fee assessment includes all costs for the day/s EXCLUDING transportation to and from the host venue (*see Program Brochure*).

Due to costs that are incurred prior to program date, payment of the program fee is scheduled at 50 percent of the total fee within fourteen days before the day of the program. The balance, 50 percent, is due by February 17, 2009.

In the event that any party must cancel the program as scheduled, except in the case of *force majeure (Act of God)*, the penalty is as follows.

If one or more schools must cancel*

Fewer than and excluding the seventh day before the program, coordinators (ACLU-WIF) will retain the full down payment.

**Please note that coordinators cannot be held responsible for the CANCELLATION or ALTERATION of a program due to the action/s of partner school/s.*

If the coordinators must cancel

Fewer than and excluding the seventh day before the program, the coordinators will issue a FULL REFUND of any payment received AND commit to a new program date at a reduced fee.

Content of the program

As part of the program, the students will go through the "Tunnel of Oppression", an empathy building experience. In the "Tunnel" there will be images and narratives that are meant to be emotional, as the content is focused around oppression. The program also includes poetry and a movie clip that may include violence and explicit language in relation to the program. Pictures and/or video of participating students will be taken throughout the day for marketing purposes such as to use on our brochure or website. Participating schools are responsible for obtaining permission to use student images for Tour marketing materials. The School is also responsible for informing students and parents in regards to the content of the program and how it may include explicit language as well as inducing emotional reactions.

Please make checks payable to: ACLU of Wisconsin Foundation
207 E. Buffalo St., Suite 325
Milwaukee, WI 53202-5774

The undersigned have read and agree to the outlined provisions.

Authorized Signature _____ Date _____
_____ High School, _____, WI

Authorized Signature _____ Date _____
The Other America Tour©, Milwaukee, Wisconsin

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Dear Parent:

This letter is to inform you of an exciting program in which your son/daughter will soon participate called *The Other America Tour*. On _____, _____, _____, **2009**, students will join students from other area schools at Cardinal Stritch University to explore issues of **race, gender, sexual identity, class, religion, age, ability, and national ideology**.

The Other America Tour travels around the state to **increase socio-cultural awareness, responsibility and action** of high school youth and has worked with thousands of students from public, private and charter schools. The *Tour* is a public education service of the ACLU of Wisconsin Foundation.

The program in which your son/daughter will participate balances fact-based information with real-life experiences and dialogue of the students themselves through performing arts, activities and debriefings, skill-enhancement workshops and small group discussions.

- As part of the program, the students will go through the “Tunnel of Oppression”, an empathy building experience. In the “Tunnel” there will be images and narratives that are meant to be emotional, as the content is focused around oppression. There may also be a clip of a movie that may contain explicit language and some violence.
- Pictures and/or video of participating students will be taken throughout the day for marketing purposes such as to use on our brochure or website. If you do not wish for your son/daughter to have their picture taken for any reason, please write a note and have the student turn it in at the beginning of the program to the Coordinator Patricia L. Briones.
- The program lasts from ___:___ **AM** until ___:___ **PM**; program fee is \$____.00 per student.
- Lunch will be provided by ticket for your child to self-select from the Cardinal Stritch Food Court; if your child typically consumes more than three meals per day, he or she may bring snack-sized items that will not disrupt the program.

_____ High School looks forward to being involved in this program and we expect that you will be pleased with its impact on your son/daughter. As usual, we encourage you to talk to your child about his/her experience. Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at _____ (HS Staff Person)

Sincerely,

I, _____, **grant permission to my son/daughter,** _____, **to attend The Other America Tour program on** _____, _____, **2008. I have read and agree to the terms stated above.**

Signature

Date

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