

The Reluctant Dragon



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from the book by Kenneth Grahame
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Theater at Monmouth 2023 Page to Stage Tour May 1 - May 26, 2023

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Theater at Monmouth brings adaptations of classic literature to students across the state! For 2023 we'll present a world-premiere of *The Reluctant Dragon* (grades prek-8) to deepen understanding of, appreciation for, and connection to classic literature for learners of all ages.

Can a clever girl, a brave knight, and a misunderstood dragon find a way to win a fight without actually fighting? *The Reluctant Dragon* tells the tale of Charity who meets a tea-drinking, poetry-loving dragon on the edge of town. With the help of the hilarious and heroic Sir Giles, Charity and Denis D. Dragon work together to convince the villagers that a dragon can be friendly. Through this fun and exciting adventure, young audiences learn the importance of teamwork, accepting others, and solving problems together.

To schedule performances contact Theater at Monmouth Box Office at 207.933.9999 or boxoffice@theateratmonmouth.org or visit www.theateratmonmouth.org.

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Workshops and Residencies

TAM offers a variety of workshops and extended residencies for students to explore classic literature. Performance-based residencies and workshops challenge and engage students, enabling them to develop a deeper connection to classic texts. Residencies can be developed collaboratively or may be adapted from the examples below.

From Page to Stage Workshops

When a playwright takes another artist's work, changes it and uses it as a basis for a new work, they are creating an adaptation. In this 45-minute workshop for pre-k through three, students explore the art of adaptation through improvisation, creating characters, and creating their own 10-minute plays based on fairy tales or nursery rhymes.

Art of Theatre Workshops

Sometimes an author takes a work in one medium (like a novel or a comic book) and adapts it into another medium (like a film, a TV show, or an opera). In this 45-minute workshop for grades four through eight, students select a fable, myth, or folktale and explore the history and culture of the original work and make decisions on how to rewrite it for our own time. The end result is a short play to be performed by classmates for family and friends.

Fees: \$110 per workshop; multiple classroom discounts are available.

For additional pricing, questions, and reservations, please contact the Theater at Monmouth Box Office at 207.933.9999 or boxoffice@theateratmonmouth.org

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Education Connections

TAM's adaptation helps students explore stereotypes, behaviors, and mannerisms that are helpful or harmful to friendships, communities, and society. Through activities and discussions before and after the performance, students examine ways in which they can take responsibility and become both confident and caring.

Page to Stage Dates

The Reluctant Dragon will be available to schools and community centers **May 1 through May 19, 2023**. From **May 22 through 26**, groups can attend performances at historic Cumston Hall in Monmouth, Maine.

Fees and Group Sales

Page to Stage Tour and Cumston Hall performances include a complimentary Teacher Resource Guide and TalkBack following the performance. Multiple show discounts and extended residencies are available.

Tour (performances of 300 students or less)

Single Performance (Grades Pre-K - 8)	\$800
Single Performance plus four workshops	\$1,200
Two Shows Same District/Same Day	\$1,400

Performances over 150 miles from Monmouth may require overnight accommodations

Cumston Hall Performances

Single Tickets (less than 10)	\$12
Single Tickets (10 or more)	\$7 per student

One free chaperone ticket per 10 student tickets purchased



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