



EMU Theatre for the Young TOUR

The Theatre for the Young Tour at Eastern Michigan University is committed to engaging audience members at schools, libraries, and community centers in the greater Ann Arbor/Ypsilanti/Detroit community.

**EMU Theatre for the Young Tour
by the (Approximate) Numbers:**

57

**Years Touring as of 2025
(Started in 1968)**

400,000+

**Young audience members attended
touring productions**

800+

**EMU Students involved in
touring productions as actors, technicians,
designers and business managers**

15

**Average number of schools
served per year**



Created by Thelma McDaniel in 1968



Touring to schools, community centers & libraries within 50 miles of EMU.

Applied Drama & Theatre for the Young

Founded in 1962, this program is one of the oldest and largest in this specialty in the nation. In this field, EMU now offers a Master of Fine Arts (MFA), Master of Arts (MA), undergraduate minor and undergraduate interdisciplinary major (with Children's Literature). It is one of only seven MFA programs of its kind in the United States.

The general range of the program's work includes three primary areas:

- Theatre for Young and Family audiences (TYA)
- Educational Drama—drama/theatre used as a teaching methodology for experiential learning and human development
- Drama and Theatre for Community Development (Applied Drama and Theatre)



Kids' access to and engagement with the performing arts...

- **Cultivates an enduring love of the performing arts**
- **Expands perspectives & interpersonal skills that strengthen teamwork**
- **Inspires creative thinking, which encourages innovation and problem solving**
- **Nurtures hope and improves self-confidence, which fosters optimism and resilience**

"Spark Change: The Impact of Performing Arts on Children," New Victory Theatre/New 42, 2021

Touring Fall 2025



A new sensory theatre piece created for neurodivergent audiences and special education classrooms in Fall 2025!

ABOUT THE SHOW:

Filled with music, fun, and group play, this production will be an immersive, multi sensory experience. Guided by a cast of actors and para-players, students will explore space with their new friend, June! This piece is appropriate for individuals of all ages and abilities.

TOUR DATES:

Fridays between 9am-3pm on Oct 31, Nov 7, Nov 14, Nov 21, Dec 12.

TOUR LOGO



The dots in the EMU Theatre logo (representing the lights on our building) were changed to a circle. This circle represents both community and the circle we typically perform in. The colors celebrate our ongoing commitment to diversity and inclusion.