A CLOSER LOOK

Over the past three years, Towson University joined with other Maryland partner institutions; including Morgan State University, Bowie State University, and the Community College of Baltimore County; in professional development opportunities with playwrights, actors, designers, directors and educators from The Acting Company. This Tony Award winning company has been touring classical theatres across the nation and around the world for over 40 years. This past spring the company brought their productions of X: Or, Betty Shabazz vs. The Nation and Julius Caesar to all partner campuses. Company members presented workshops and supported learning across the disciplines through class visits and discussions on the issues raised by the plays. Post-performance conversations provided the community an opportunity to reflect upon the relevance of the plays to our own world. Towson University activities included matinees that brought over 1,000 high school students to campus for performances and conversations with the cast and scholars from our campus.

SERVICES/SOLUTIONS/OUTCOMES

Liberal Arts Engagement: Generate rigorous and meaningful conversation across several academic disciplines geared toward exploring the themes presented in the company’s repertory

Professional and Artistic Development: Engage young, pre-professional theater practitioners in interacting with established theater professionals through master classes, internships, mentoring opportunities and other project-based activities

Civic Engagement: Initiate public artistic and academic events addressing current social issues associated with themes found in the repertory that the community and consortium partners deem significant

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