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Firebelly Offers Opportunities for Students and Other Groups with Weekday Matinees

Firebelly Productions, an Arlington-based theatre company that focuses on the training and development of young adults in theatre, presents *To Kill a Mockingbird*, based on the book by Harper Lee, April 27 to May 14, 2006 at Theatre on the Run 3700 South Four Mile Run Drive, Arlington.

With its signature blend of both young (age 10) and older (more than 50), Firebelly recreates this ground-breaking story of a young girl's coming to terms with racism and intolerance. Firebelly offers special weekday noon performances of this Pulitzer Prize winning piece of American literature to middle and high school students and their teachers to help them develop a better understanding of this work, the dramatic arts, and this period in American history on **May 2, 3, 9, and 10 at noon.**

These performances not only include the full production, but offer students and teachers, and other groups, opportunities for direct question and answer sessions with the actors, technicians, and the director following the performance as well as provide specific targeted teaching materials to help prepare students for analysis and participation of this often-required reading.

“Sometimes it is a theatrical experience that changes students’ lives and view of literature and the arts.

Often, a theatrical experience is one that students will remember long after the book is finished, the film is over, and class dismissed,” says Artistic Director Kathi Gollwitzer. “You and your class are encouraged to take advantage of this opportunity. With our timing close to the end of the school year, what better way to re-focus students on literature and analysis as well as offer some out of school time to energize and expand their last weeks of classroom work?”

Firebelly offers classes special group rates for groups and classes and teachers. Contact their box office at 703-409-2372 for group rates and details.

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