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CAPA'S 2011-12 EDUCATIONAL SERIES CONCLUDES WITH ARTSPOWER'S *FOUR SCORE AND SEVEN YEARS AGO*

The importance of courage and personal integrity is presented against the backdrop of the American Civil War in ArtsPower National Touring Theatre's production of *Four Score and Seven Years Ago*. Even as it exposes the conflicts between patriotism and pacifism, this musical theatre production for young audiences reveals the dilemma of families torn apart by differing beliefs.

CAPA presents ArtsPower's *Four Score and Seven Years Ago* at 10am and 1pm on Monday, March 5, at the Lincoln Theatre (769 E. Long St.). Tickets are \$5 and can be purchased by contacting Heather Kalman at 614.719.6764 or hkalman@capa.com. Recommended for grades 3-8, this performance has a running time of 55 minutes. This presentation is made possible through the generous support of Honda of America Manufacturing.

With the onset of the Civil War, the residents of Gettysburg find their lives being turned upside down. "A normal day in Gettysburg, this is not," laments Lemuel, a runaway slave who has been employed by Quaker widow Mrs. McIlheny at her family's general store. Lemuel hungers for the right to vote and longs to fight with the Union Army against the South. He and Mrs. McIlheny share their views of suffrage and discrimination in the song "Full-Fledged American."

Soon after, zealous young soldier Jacob McClain claims Mrs. McIlheny's general store in the name of the Confederate Army and demands supplies. Jacob is Mrs. McIlheny's nephew, but his allegiance to the South overrides his familial loyalty. However, Jacob and Lemuel manage to bridge their political differences when they discover that they both grew up in the same Georgia county. They compare their differing views of war in the song "How Can You Lose with God on Your Side."

Later, Jacob is wounded in the Battle of Gettysburg and returns to his aunt's general store to seek shelter. Protecting him from a Union sergeant, whose corrupt nature is revealed in "Make a Little Money on the Side," Lemuel and Mrs. McIlheny help Jacob escape safely to his regiment.

Lemuel is now determined to make his own contribution to the war and leaves to join the Union Army with the words of Abraham Lincoln's powerful Gettysburg Address ringing in his ears.

Four Score and Seven Years Ago was co-written by ArtsPower's Artistic Director Greg Gunning and Kathleen Huber. Broadway lyricist John Forster wrote the score and lyrics for the show's six songs. Fred Sorrentino designed the costumes and George Allison designed the set.

About ArtsPower

Mark and Gary Blackman founded ArtsPower in 1985, and it has since grown into one of America's largest and most active producers of professional theatre for young and family audiences. Its 26 professional touring productions have been seen by nine million people in 46 states in some of the nation's top regional theatres, universities, and cultural centers, including The Kennedy Center and Lincoln Center.

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Lincoln Theatre (769 E. Long St.)

After escaping slavery in Georgia, life in Gettysburg is everything young Lemuel dreamed it would be. However, his ideas about the North and the South, as well as what it means to be a free man, are challenged when he unexpectedly befriends a young Confederate soldier named Jacob. The two men may be of different races and on different sides of the Civil War, but they have much to teach each other about bravery and loyalty. This ArtsPower National Touring Theatre musical is recommended for grades 3-8 and has a running time of 55 minutes. Tickets are \$5 and can be purchased by contacting Heather Kalman at 614.719.6764 or hkalman@capa.com. www.capa.com

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