The Basie's Curtains Up for Kids program provides high-quality, professional productions to our region's schools.

Over 10,000 students visit the Basie every year as part of its Curtains Up For Kids school performances program — and for many, it's their only opportunity to experience live performing arts. Through live performances the Basie inspires students to dream forward through culture and artistic expression through performances that explore culture, and history.

Attending a Curtains Up for Kids show is a perfect way to extend education outside of the classroom. Teacher study guides are provided, and pre and post-show workshops by Basie teaching artists round out the experience.

Interested in attending a Curtains Up for Kids school show? Click here for a reservation form. After completing the form, you will be sent a Reservation Confirmation via email. Please refer to our FAQ section for additional questions.

Not quite ready to complete the Reservation Form? Feel free to call or email directly with inquiries or questions regarding specific productions, process, payments, and/or pricing/discounts. 732-224-8778 x 124 or email education@thebasie.org

Applicants will receive an email confirmation within one week of your reservation. In the event you do not receive a confirmation, email education@thebasie.org. Seats are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Due to popularity, we cannot hold seats without receipt of a reservation form.

**Curtains Up for Kids Series Tickets:**

$12 Individual Sales

$10 Education Groups of 10 or more students

Financial assistance is available.

The Basie is very grateful to the Mary Owen Borden Foundation, Monmouth County Board of Chosen Freeholders, NJ State Council on the Arts, and Horizon Foundation for New Jersey for their support of Curtains Up For Kids.
Q: How do I book group tickets for a Curtains Up for Kids performance?
A: Please fill out the Reservation Form. To complete the form you will need to know the following:
   - What show you’d like to see
   - How many students and chaperones will be attending
   - What performance dates and times you would like to attend
   - Any accessibility needs your group may have

Q: What is your Cancellation Policy?
A: All sales are final. No refunds will be made unless an event is cancelled or postponed by the Basie. Exchanges may only occur if schools are closed or delayed due to inclement weather. If a cancellation is made any less than thirty days prior to a performance, a cancellation fee will be applied.

Q: How and when will I receive confirmation of my reservation?
A: After completing the online Reservation Form, you will receive an email from our Education Department confirming your reservation and an invoice for the trip.

Q: Do teachers and chaperones need to purchase tickets to attend?
A: Chaperones are complementary for education groups with 10 or more students.

Q: Are there any fees when purchasing tickets to a Curtains Up for Kids show?
A: We are thankful for our funders and sponsors, who make it possible for us to eliminate additional fees.

Q: When is payment due?
A: Payments can be mailed in prior to the show or brought to the performance and given to a Basie staff member. If you would prefer to pay by credit card, please contact the Education staff directly. We understand that payments from schools may take more time and if you require additional payment arrangements please contact the Basie’s Education Office directly at 732-224-8778 x124 or education@thebasie.org

Q: Will each person in my group receive an individual printed ticket?
A: No. In order to save on paper, we do not issue printed tickets to school groups. We request a head count of your group before each performance. When your school arrives at the theatre you will be greeted by our House Management staff in the lobby and taken to your seats.
Q: Can I make adjustments to the number of tickets I request for my group?
A: Pending availability, slight adjustments in group tickets may be accommodated without penalty up to three weeks prior to the performance date. After this point, you will be responsible for the payment of your confirmed number tickets at the agreed upon price. Let us know as soon as possible if you are not using any tickets you originally requested. Many of the school shows sell out and releasing tickets too late can prevent other schools who have been turned away from attending. Thank you for your understanding.

Q: Are educational materials available to educators prior to the performance?
A: Yes! The Basie Center creates a Teacher Study Guide for each Curtains Up for Kids performance. Study Guides will be sent to the organizer of the field trip about four weeks prior to the performances. At that time opportunities to schedule a teaching artist to visit your school for pre and/or post-show workshop will be available.

Q: Is parking available?
A: Yes and no. Schools will receive instructions for buses and drop off a week prior to the performances. Buses are guided and instructed on where to wait during performances by Count Basie Center Security and Red Bank Borough Police. Individual cars and vans should refer to the Basie’s Directions + Parking. Obtaining transportation to the Basie and all related costs are the responsibility of the school.

Q: I still have questions.
A: Please email education@thebasie.org or call at 732-224-8778 x124
The Basie and its Curtain’s Up for Kids program is committed to ensuring that the transformative power of live theatre is accessible to all.

**Wheelchair Access**
The Basie offers accessible seating in all sections of the orchestra level, automatic doors at the main entrance and ADA restroom.

**Sensory Friendly Programming**
The Basie offers select Sensory Friendly performances and guidance throughout the year. For a walk through your Curtains Up for Kids experience at the theatre, please download our sensory story here.

**Accessibility for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing**
To specifically request seating for ASL interpretation, or arrange your own ASL interpreter to attend a Curtains Up for Kids show, please call our Education Office at 732-224-8778 x124 or email education@thebasie.org

For more information, or if you need assistance or an accommodation not mentioned for a Curtains Up for Kids performance, please call our Education Office at 732-224-8778 x124 or email education@thebasie.org

It is our policy to provide reasonable accommodations for qualified individuals with disabilities who are employees, applicants for employment, customers, and users of the theater. We will adhere to all applicable federal, state, and local laws, regulations, and guidelines with respect to providing reasonable accommodations as required to afford equal opportunity to qualified individuals with disabilities. Reasonable accommodations shall be provided in a timely and cost effective manner. The Count Basie Center for the Arts strives to provide all patrons with an enjoyable experience in clean, safe and accommodating surroundings. The Basie offers accessible seating in all sections of the orchestra level, automatic doors at the main entrance and ADA restroom, and ADA appropriate-height counters at all concessions locations. We require ample notification in the event seats need to be removed to accommodate patrons. Service animals are welcome and sign language interpreters are available upon request. If you or your school need assistance with any tenets of this policy, please call 732-224-8778 x124 and our Education staff will help make any accommodations or answer any questions you may have.

Please note that at this time, the Count Basie Center for the Arts does not have an elevator to its loge or balcony seating.