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Trouble puppet show tours communities

WHITEHORSE—The *Trouble* puppet show is visiting community schools as part of a tour throughout December and January. The performance combines Yukon-based storytelling and a strong message of non-violence to help kindergarten to Grade 3 students to talk about feelings.

"The *Trouble* puppet show was created and performed by Yukon artists to help children learn how to deal with strong emotions in a constructive way," Minister responsible for Women's Directorate Elaine Taylor said. "It is based on the book *Only You are You*, which was produced by the Yukon government as part of the *Am I the Solution?* campaign."

Trouble was written by Whitehorse playwright Brian Fidler, and features the work of several Yukon artists, including performers Fidler and Claire Ness, puppet creator Amber Church, and musical composer Jordy Walker.

After the show, students take part in a discussion where they can tell their own stories and talk about how they relate to the messages in the show. Teachers are provided with a discussion guide to help continue the dialogue.

"We had some great reactions from the kids in Carcross, with some pretty funny responses as well as a lot of very on-point conversations," Fidler said. "One of the teachers mentioned that the play is a great jumping off point for deeper conversations about respect that they are already having in the classroom."

In early December *Trouble* visited schools in Carcross, Watson Lake, Carmacks, and Dawson City. Between January 19 and the 21, *Trouble* will travel to schools in Mayo, Faro and Ross River.

Learn more:

Only You Are You

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