

# WE MOVE TOGETHER! A MOVEMENT—BASED READ ALOUD AND PUPPET MARCH



#### LITTLE UPRISINGS + THE GOTTABEES =

A PLAY FOR CHANGE PROJECT

Journey to the bottom of the sea with Little Uprisings and The Gottabees where we will explore the book *Swimmy*, by Leo Lionni — a classic tale for young children about the power of organizing. Join us for movement, puppetry and fun as we *Play for Change*!

Guided by Tanya and Bonnie, participants are led through a playful movement warm-up followed by acting out the book *Swimmy*. After discussing the themes of the book, participants create their own paper fish puppets and get organized for a march through their community space.



#### **Learning Outcomes**

- \* I can dive into a story theatrically by becoming a part of the story using movement & drama.
- \* I can make connections between injustice in an imagined story and injustice in our world.
- \* I can understand justice and the need to organize as a way to make change.
- \* I can brainstorm ways I can organize with my caregivers and friends in my community.

#### **Technical Needs**

Recommended Audience: ages 3 & up; family audiences up to 40 people; pre-K-2nd grades up to 24 (staff must be present during school experience)

**Experience Time**: 40-45 minutes

**Space Requirements**: open area of at least 15' x 15', safe & clean for participants to sit

<u>Lighting & Sound Requirements</u>: electrical outlet no more than 10 feet of experience area, adequate general lighting of experience area

<u>Set-Up / Breakdown Time</u>: 20 minutes for set up with arrival to space 30 minutes prior to experience or house open; 15 minutes for breakdown

<u>Materials</u>: puppet making materials included; *additional* fee for over 50 participants

## ABOUT PLAY FOR CHANGE



Play for Change, led by Tanya Nixon-Silberg (<u>Little Uprisings</u>) & Bonnie Duncan (<u>The Gottabees</u>), are immersive theatrical experiences for families featuring puppetry, live music and art-making to talk about power, joy and liberation. Tanya and Bonnie bring their expertise as educators for racial justice and theater makers for young audiences to empower youth to imagine themselves as change makers, to practice being change makers, and to ultimately be the change makers.

Play for Change is designed to support and inspire resilience, agency, advocacy, and change. It is our goal that every participant leave our experiences filled with joy and equipped with the language and tools for speaking out and fighting injustice.



### Other Play for Change Programming Available!

- \* School-based workshops & residencies
- \* Teacher Professional Development workshops & residencies
- \* Racial justice & theater workshops for children & families
- \* Interactive community art making experiences

# liberation through joy & play

#### A Note From Tanya and Bonnie

"This project has grown out of our shared love of building community through art and action; our deep respect and trust of children's perspectives and voices; and our friendship as mothers, artists, and educators. We can't wait to share this work with your community!"

- Tanya & Bonnie



Get in touch with Bonnie for more information! <a href="mailto:bonnie@thegottabees.com">bonnie@thegottabees.com</a>

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