## FRONT AND CENTER SERIES Children's Theatre of Charlotte in collaboration with Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools



## Addressing Mental and Social Wellness A FREE touring production for your 3rd Grade students

Children's Theatre of Charlotte, in partnership with Charlotte-Mecklenburg School District, educators, and students have developed a theatrical production that will tour every 3rd Grade class in the Charlotte-Mecklenburg School District during the 2023-24 school year.

This production, entitled **Show of Hands**, features the ideas and experiences of current 3rd Grade students which have been artfully crafted into an Experiential Theater Play, an interactive genre of theatre.

## Meet the Playwright Christopher Parks



Parks developed this interactive genre of theatre and describes it in the following way:

"The plays we create are intended to be both entertaining and educational, featuring immersive, participatory storytelling. When our young audiences enter the theater, they are transported into a different world, guided by our actors and their own imaginations. While in that world, they are invited to participate as co-creators of a unique artistic performance."

## More About the Show "Show of Hands"

We invite you to become a part of this production which explores how 3rd Grade students feel in this post-pandemic moment. The play explores the challenges and joys of being a 3rd Grader in Charlotte and offers current students the opportunity to envision a brighter future.



The project, which has been fully funded by Mecklenburg County, addresses mental and social wellness through theatre in a fun and interesting modality.



The play will tour from November 2023 to May 2024 to each elementary school in the Charlotte-Mecklenburg School District.



Children's Theatre of Charlotte's Touring Coordinator, Madia Medico, will reach out to you for scheduling.



