Greetings to you from **TIGER** (Theatre Integrating Guidance, Education and Responsibility), Plymouth State University’s Emmy® award-winning professional educational theatre troupe, celebrating **15 years of touring the best in educational theatre** to schools all over New England. We have enclosed a brochure and related materials for you to see for yourself the many ways that **TIGER** can help children deal with bullying behavior and other difficult social situations in positive and proactive ways through the magic of live musical theatre. Emails, letters and evaluations from our school partners continue to champion our **TIGER** program. The enclosed **TIGER Talk** sheet has many comments from last year’s schools alone so you can see, firsthand, the impact **TIGER** has had. We thank you, in advance, for taking a few moments of your valuable time to consider bringing **TIGER** to your school, a program that has enriched the lives of **over 450,000 children over the past 15 years**!

**TIGER** offers five exceptional original performances **based on the writing of children**, along with workshops for students, teachers and parents. Just as you are, we at **TIGER** are passionate about **empowering our school children to make the right choices in difficult situations**. Using humor and wit that appeals to all ages, along with real life scenes depicting serious and true events, **TIGER** helps students understand and cope with bullying behavior, learn how to make and keep friends, better understand the importance of accepting individual differences in others, learn to deal with the special challenges in middle school and, in our high school production **Alex’s Story**, hear a first-hand account of an adolescent’s struggle with opiate addiction. Each 45-minute show resonates powerfully with student and adult audiences, as evidenced by the **consistently strong evaluations** we have received from principals, school counselors, teachers, PTO organizers and the students themselves. We believe in the impact of our work and hope that you will consider joining our **TIGER** family this year.

In addition to our three elementary school performances (**I’ve Got Your Back**, **Just Between Friends**, and **Let Your Star Shine**) and our high school performance of **Alex’s Story**, new this year is a wonderful collaboration with **Jillian Palmieri** and **Bystander: A Portrait in Apathy**, a production especially for our middle school audiences. This new adaptation with music seeks to open the eyes of students whose focus is totally on themselves and their own happiness. It allows students to understand the power they have in ruining someone’s life and the power they have in making someone’s life better, by challenging them to care about those around them. With new music by Berklee College of Music graduate **Tom Dowd**, in the hands of our extremely talented and diverse group of new actors, **Bystander: A Portrait in Apathy** is sure to be a hit. If you are a 6–8 school, this is the show for you!

We will also continue to offer **Alex’s Story**, our **TIGER/CADY** production addressing the growing concern over heroin and opiate abuse for high school audiences. Garnering rave reviews, **Alex’s Story** features professional actress **Teghan Kelly** and Alex Berry, a young man in recovery from heroin addiction. Following every performance, Alex is swarmed by young people in the high school audience who want to know more. If you are a high school counselor, please **don’t miss this opportunity to address this important topic** through this engaging real-life story.

Bookings confirmed for this year have already increased in number, so please do not hesitate to contact us at: tiger-psu@plymouth.edu or 603-535-2647 to reserve your spot soon. As a special incentive for those schools booking performances for any date between October 2017 to May 2018 by **November 4, 2017**, we will offer a **5% discount** off our performance price and **two complimentary student workshops**. Pam Irish, our **Tour Manager**, is happy to assist you in any way she can with questions and/or booking your performances and workshops.

**Thank you so much for your support and belief in this important work.** We hope to have the opportunity to bring you an assembly program that educates as well as entertains, and that reaches the hearts and minds of all those who see it. We sincerely hope to see you in the coming year. **You will not be disappointed.**

Sincerely,

**Trish Lindberg, PhD**
Artistic Director

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**Tiger Tour Manager**

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I learned and gained so much knowledge through the Integrated Arts program at Plymouth. It was an enjoyable and collaborative process. Every course is useful and you get to really discover who you are as a learner and teacher.

— Tara Holmes, MEd
Blue School, New York City, NY | Early Childhood Lead Teacher

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— Kirsten Mohring
Nottingham West Elementary, NH | Music Educator

I received my MEd in Integrated Arts and am about to finish my CAGS Educational Leadership with a concentration in Arts, Leadership and Learning. The greatest gift my Plymouth education has given me is a collegiality that I have never experienced before and the words to express that we all have great potential to become the most creative artful thinkers in our practice.

— Timm Judas
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If you are an educator interested in the power of the arts to transform your classroom, or an arts specialist in music, visual art, dance or drama who wants to empower students through an interdisciplinary approach to the arts, contact:

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