

TALKING POINTS FOR CLASSROOM DISCUSSION: DINO LIGHT

Show & Theater Company:

- Dino Light by Lightwire Theater

Art Form:

- Puppetry and dance

Context:

- Dino Light is a story about a scientist who creates a friendly dinosaur named Darwin and sends him out into the world to discover the “evolution of love.” The characters are puppets operated by actors.
- This show is special because it takes place in darkness. The characters are made with a type of wire called EL wire that lights up, so you can see what’s happening because of the light from the characters.
- ? When have you seen a show with bright lights in darkness? Have you seen fireworks, a laser light show, a drone show, fire dancers, holiday lights on a house, or something else?
- This show doesn’t have words or spoken dialog. Instead, the story is told through music and the characters’ movements.
- ? What kinds of ways can you express an idea by moving your body?

Main Concepts:

- This show has several themes, including exploration, friendship, and the true meaning of love.
- ? Can you think of a time that you travelled to an unfamiliar place? How did it feel? Did you meet anyone who helped you out?
- ? Think of some people you love. What kinds of things do you do to show that you love them?

Special Things to Look for:

- See if you can guess what the characters are feeling at different times in the story. What clues do you get from the way they move that help you to guess?

Theater Etiquette:

- Respect the theater, one person to a seat, limit bathroom breaks, do not kick the seats, no food or drink in the theater (bottled water okay), and turn off cell phones/no texting.
- ? How is watching live theater different than watching a movie or TV?
 - We can’t pause, rewind, or fast forward with live theater.
 - Live theater is exciting because each performance is unique.
 - Students are in the same room as the performers. Moving around and making sounds can affect the performers and other members of the audience.