

# Pre-Performance Handout for Teachers

# OUTSPOKEN

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**A Play About Diversity and Respect for Teens.**  
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*OutSpoken* by Prince Gomolvilas, is an innovative play for teens that is based directly on the voices of youth. This unique theatre program looks at the many reasons teens feel ostracized in school, at home and in their community including race, religion, sexual orientation, body type, etc. *OutSpoken* helps teens think and dialogue about stereotypes, labeling, diversity and respect within their community. Through *OutSpoken*, we hope young people will find new ways to move past their differences to a real place of tolerance, acceptance and understanding. Each performance is about 60-70 minutes in length, including a discussion with the cast and student audience following the play. Please go over proper theater etiquette with your class prior to attending the performance.

## Questions to Discuss Before You See the Play ...

- ❖ List and discuss groups of people throughout history who have been discriminated against or harassed based on who they are or what they believe in.
- ❖ Have you seen or participated in discrimination against an individual or a group within your school or community?
- ❖ What kind of labels do teens give each other & why?
- ❖ Why do people choose to put down those who are different from them?

### CA AB-537 The Student Safety Act

AB 537, the California Student Safety and Violence Prevention Act of 2000, added actual or perceived sexual orientation and gender identity to the existing nondiscrimination policy which also prohibits harassment and discrimination on the basis of sex, ethnic group identification, race, ancestry, national origin, religion, color, or mental or physical disability.

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