

MIKE WILEY PRODUCTIONS

Brown vs. Board of Education: Over Fifty Years Later
Tired Souls: The Montgomery Bus Boycott
Jackie Robinson: A Game Apart

"I've heard about you like a storm on the horizon. My own kids, other children, teachers at the area schools... And you definitely lived up to the hype."

Dr. Charles Bagwell, Principal, Arcadia Elementary, Spartanburg, SC





“In a matter of minutes, he won undivided attention and taught more history than could be taught in a week...”

“Mesmerizing. Truly a gift.”

Dr. Barry Redmond, Supt., Newton-Conover City Schools, NC

Mike Wiley Productions currently offers seven distinctive theatrical works for student audiences. Created to encourage dialogue, heighten history’s contemporary relevance and build human understanding, all the plays support curricular standards within today’s educational platforms. Mike Wiley Productions empowers students of any age to grow in acute awareness of significant historical and cultural milestones, and to further appreciate the impassioned legacies that are portrayed. Audience talkback follows each performance, and study guides are available for all productions.

“If you ever get a chance to see this man perform, go! Better still, take every child you can with you.”

Gail Cesarini Ramsdell , Caldwell County Schools, NC



• **JACKIE ROBINSON: A GAME APART**

It’s a glimpse into baseball legend Jackie Robinson’s life during a bygone era of separate and unequal locker rooms, whites-only hotels and restaurant back doors. Witness the hopeless humiliation of a star player showered with adulation on the field but a second-hand citizen outside the stadium. Meet his compatriots fighting the same battles between end zones, inside the ring and around the track. *A Game Apart* is a powerful lesson of courage through dedication, perseverance and leadership. *50 min.; adaptable for students from grades 2+ and general audiences.*



• **BROWN VS. BOARD OF EDUCATION: OVER FIFTY YEARS LATER**

In 1952, the Supreme Court heard a number of school segregation cases, including *Brown v. Board of Education of Topeka, Kansas*. It ruled unanimously in 1954 that segregation was unconstitutional, overthrowing *Plessy v. Ferguson* (1896), which set the "separate but equal" precedent. This play recounts the effects of the decision on the families who participated in the original court case, the impact of the ruling on school systems at the time and the challenges still being made today. *50 min.; recommended for grades 6+ and general audiences.*



• **TIRED SOULS: THE MONTGOMERY BUS BOYCOTT**

Montgomery, AL, Dec. 1, 1955: Rosa Parks refuses to give up her seat to a white man on a city bus. This action inspires the black citizens of Montgomery to abandon all travel on city buses until they are no longer forced to sit in the back or stand when a white person boards. There were more who came before, brave visionaries who laid the groundwork for this pivotal moment. *Tired Souls* introduces audiences to Jo Ann Robinson, Claudette Colvin and others instrumental in the Civil Rights movement, changing the course of U.S. history forever. *50 min.; grades 3+ and general audiences.*