

The 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue Theatre's Adventure Musical Theatre Touring Company  
*Baseball Saved Us* (February – May 2020)



Since 1994, **The 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue Theatre's Adventure Musical Theatre Touring Company** has brought the wonder and joy of live musical theater to students (grades K-8) throughout Washington State. Adventure Musical Theatre musicals engage students through storytelling, song, and dance. Our productions are created by local composers and writers and are designed to incorporate standards-based educational content. This year, Adventure Musical Theatre Touring Company will bring ***Baseball Saved Us*** to more than 120 schools in the Pacific Northwest.

Based on the award-winning children's book by Seattle author Ken Mochizuki, *Baseball Saved Us* follows the journey of young Shiro who, along with his family, is imprisoned in an incarceration camp. In 1942, just two months after the attack on Pearl Harbor, President Roosevelt signed into law Executive Order 9066, authorizing the forced relocation of almost 120,000 Japanese Americans from the West Coast—including Washington State—to incarceration. Taking only what they could carry, they were forced to leave their homes and communities, imprisoned behind barbed wire, and guarded by soldiers. Most were American citizens and many were children. As Shiro struggles to learn how to play baseball on the hot dusty fields, he learns more than just the game—he learns how to survive.

**We are thrilled to announce that *Baseball Saved Us* will present six public performances this year.** We encourage you to find a performance that works for you! And while this is a show that is very welcoming for children, this is a powerful story that is deeply relevant for people of all ages. Bring your friends and come and see the show!

The public performances are as follows:

**Thursday, March 5 at 6:00 PM**

Museum of History and Industry (860 Terry Ave N., Seattle, WA 98109)

Cost: FREE

<https://5thavenuetheatreblog.wordpress.com/2020/02/12/you-are-cordially-invited-to-baseball-saved-us/>

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**Saturday, March 14 at 3:00 PM**

University Heights Center (5031 University Way, Seattle, WA 98105)

Cost: FREE

**Saturday, April 25 at 11:00 AM**

Nisei Veterans Committee (1212 S. King Street, Seattle, WA 98144)

Cost: FREE

**Saturday, May 2 at 2:00 PM**

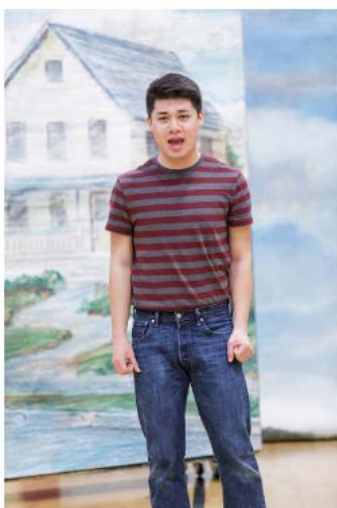
The Museum of Flight (9404 E. Marginal Way S., Seattle, WA 98108)

Cost: FREE with admission to the museum

**Saturday, May 9 at 10:30 AM**

Wing Luke Museum (719 S. King St., Seattle, WA 98104)

Cost: FREE with admission to the museum



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The cast includes **Jason Bui** as Shiro, **Laura Dux** as Mom, **Terry Kitagawa** as Dad, **Sage Suzerris** as Teddy, and **Cole Zieser** as Chester, Mr. Dewitt, Guard, and Woody. **Aaron Jin** is the touring music director. **Cori Campbell** is the Adventure Musical Theatre tour manager. All photos credited to **Mark Kitaoka** and **Tracy Martin**.



For many children, Adventure Musical Theatre Touring Company is their first exposure to live theater. We are grateful to the sponsors who help The 5<sup>th</sup> expand our reach and bring live theater into the lives of more than 40,000 children each year. Adventure Musical Theatre Touring Company's production *Baseball Saved Us* is made possible by numerous generous sponsors, including the following major donors: Dawkins Charitable Trust, Macy's, Loeb Family Charitable Foundation, U.S. Bank Foundation, Mary See Foundation, Min Park and Eric Blom, Alfred and Patricia Friedrich, Porky and Terri Thomsen, Jean K. LaFromboise Foundation, D.V. and Ida J. McEachern Charitable Trust, and Washington State Arts Commission.