

# The Middles are going to a play!

**Where:** Minnesota History Theatre in St. Paul

**When:** Thursday, December 1st from 9 to 1:00

**Why:** In the Middles we learn about the history of Minnesota.

## Summary of the play *Orphan Train*:

“A timeless story of family told with humor and love

1889: Over 100,000 orphaned children were shipped by rail from the slums of New York City to farm families in the Midwest between 1858 and 1929. *Orphan Train* brings to life the struggles and joys of the children who landed in Minnesota and the families who took them in. This stirring, folk musical follows a handful of children – a brother and sister who were separated, a tough boy and a spirited girl whose courage soars in the face of adversity, and an African-American girl who finds love in the home of a Buffalo Soldier’s family. Don’t miss this new look at a History Theatre classic that will tug at your heartstrings and entertain audiences of all ages with humor and love.”

**Cost:** \$14

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I \_\_\_\_\_ give my child \_\_\_\_\_  
(parent/guardian name) (your child’s name)

permission to see the play *Orphan Train* at the Minnesota History Theatre with Barton Open School from 9 to 1 on Thursday, December 1<sup>st</sup>.

\_\_\_\_\_ I am enclosing \$14 for the ticket and bus cost.

\_\_\_\_\_ I can provide a scholarship. Thank you so much!

\_\_\_\_\_ I would like to chaperone. My name is \_\_\_\_\_

**Thank you for your support!**  
**The Barton Open Middles’ Team –**  
**Matt, Lindsey, Katrina, Alexandra and**  
**Mary**

