

Projet: "Children's theatre"

Non-profit organisation: "Compagnie Tamérantong!" created in 1992

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Project goal

To put together a theatre company with children at risk of dropping out of school as a way of developing their capacity to learn through artistic expression.

Presentation of the project

Tamérantong! is a non-profit organisation that creates theatre plays with children in Belleville, Mantes-la-Jolie and, since 2006, Saint-Denis. Its aim is to combat discrimination, both racial and gender-based. It gives concrete form to its goal of social and cultural progress by organising neighbourhood events, putting on live or audiovisual performances and running artistic creation workshops.

In partnership with the Compagnie Jolie Môme, the workshop project "Children's Theatre - Saint-Denis 2007" caters for 12 boys and 12 girls from 5 to 9 (last year of kindergarten and first three years of primary school) living in La Plaine Saint-Denis.

It is organised around 32 workshops on the basis of 2 hours/week in the school to teach the children different theatrical techniques and artistic disciplines. The goal is to work towards organising a performance.

A six-day initiation to theatre and performance workshop is organised in a holiday camp at Château de la Brosse (Eure), during which the children do intensive rehearsal work.

Involvement of parents / mentors

Parents are invited to participate in briefings on project progress and to the end-of-year performances, the idea being to awaken parents' interest by showcasing the talents of their children.

Support requested from the Fondation HSBC pour l'Education

Funding: The Foundation's grant will be used to start up the Saint-Denis project.

Grant awarded for 2007: **€8,000**

Human resources: Assistance in formulating or honing the organisation's management tools.