



TUFTS Traveling Treasure Trunk

A unique blend of children's entertainment and community service

We're back! After a warm summer spent in various corners of the country and globe, **Trunk** is back for our eighteenth year and as ready as ever for another season of lively performances and happy kids! For our new friends hearing of **Trunk** for the first time, we are a troupe of Tufts undergraduates who perform for children at local day-care centers and schools for donation to a charity we choose at the start of each year. We also perform with no expectation of donation at hospitals, shelters, and schools with limited budgets. Each show is about forty-five minutes long and includes two or three twelve minute plays written (or adapted), directed, and costumed by members of the troupe; as well as several short skits and songs.

This semester we have two new plays and one returning favorite: *Whale and Fishie: Symbiotic Besties*, written last semester by Dave and Chelsey Trunker, is the story of two undersea best friends who learn a bit about cooperation. New this year are *Pick My Nose and Call Me Stinky!* by Betsy Trunker, and *Mufaro's Wonderful Daughters*, adapted by Ali and Jenn Trunker from an African folktale. *Pick...* follows a kid detective and his friends as they attempt to find where the world's smells have gone; *Mufaro's* very different daughters set out on a journey to win the king's prize, but along the way find out more about each other (and themselves) than they had expected.

We are proud this year to help the Library Science school of the University of Southern Mississippi in their efforts to donate 10,000 children's books to 10 selected Gulf Coast libraries devastated by hurricane Katrina. We're excited to be able to help out USM's "10,000 books" relief effort and hope that you are, too! When we come to your school, we'll bring *one* envelope to mail your donation - in whatever amount you choose - to our mailbox at Tufts. Due to the nature of this charity, we will - unlike previous years - be collecting all donations ourselves and sending a lump sum at the end of the semester. If you are a hospital, shelter, or otherwise are unable to afford to make a donation, we would still very much love to bring a smile to your kids' faces!

Trunk would love to perform for you! All we need is a small, clean performance space and some eager children! **For more information or to schedule a show for the semester, please email our current producer, Steve McFarland, at tuftstrunk@gmail.com. You can also call him at 408.410.4342.** Don't forget to check out our **brand new website**, loaded with tons of current info and fun stuff! <http://ase.tufts.edu/trunk>