

LIFE DOESN'T FRIGHTEN ME: I AM FEARLESS ROYALTY

Synopsis

One Act (about 1 Hour)

Join four heroes as they learn how to conquer their fears and see the “fearless royalty” inherent within themselves! Adapted from Maya Angelou’s and Jean-Michel Basquiat’s picture book, this show will remind you that “when you wear your crown, it’s known all around that you are ENOUGH.”

The first hero becomes Splenda Jay, an undefeated boxer (just like the greats that preceded him, like Floyd Mayweather, Mike Tyson, Jack Dempsey, etc.). But, although he’s been training for the next fight, Splenda Jay is scared. Despite being scared, he continues training. During the big boxing match, Splenda Jay gets hit but keeps on fighting and wins the match!

The next hero becomes a dancer. The dancer wants to have friends and belong, but is made fun of for their hair and no one will dance with them. As they are walking through the park after school, everything feels a little scary in the darkening evening light; a lion turns out to be a puppy and a frightening clown is really a person putting on makeup. And “panthers in the park” are actually other dancers. Despite the dancer’s first impressions, the people in the park are not scary at all. They invite the dancer to dance with them and complement their hair. The dancer is no longer alone!

Next, the heroes are all at a sleepover while a storm rages outside. Although the heroes are scared, they try different things to feel better about the bad weather. Worrying that the water is rising, one hero mentions that they don’t swim and that there was a time in the past when their daddy wasn’t legally allowed to swim in public pools (but they really do want to swim). The others help imagine that they are all swimming and encourage each other to float: they conquered their fears together!

While playing a video game, one of the heroes has to fight a virtual monster. They try everything, from using martial arts moves to calling for their mama, but they have to keep remembering to be brave. Finally, the hero summons the other friends and together they finally defeat the monster!

The heroes come together and remember all the times they had to be brave throughout their stories. After putting on their own crowns, the heroes invite the audience to do so as well. They encourage the audience to realize that they are also “fearless royalty.”

Notes:

- *This show is one act and has no intermission.*
- *There is a lot of music and songs with some audience interaction.*
- *This play incorporates a great deal of video projections that include some flashing sequences, especially in the 4th story - the Gaming section.*