

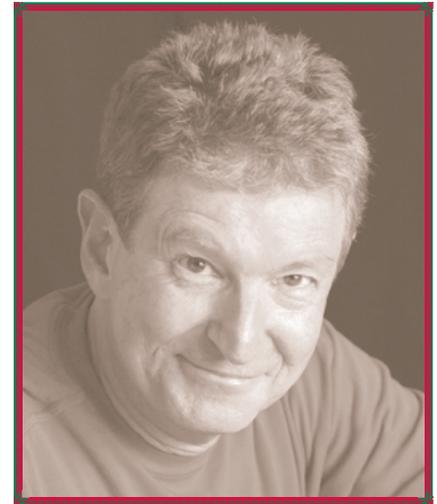
## A One-Two Day Residency Program

# The GREAT STATE HISTORY PLAY

For Elementary and Middle Schools in  
ILLINOIS, IOWA, KANSAS, MISSOURI, and NEBRASKA

**Performed by your kids! ♦ Written and Narrated by Fax Gilbert**

**FAX** Fax Gilbert is an artist/educator with over twenty years experience using the performance skills of mime, magic, masks, and comedy to teach and inspire students at all grade levels. During the past twenty years Fax has presented over 3500 school assembly programs, residencies, teacher-in-services, community concerts, library and corporate programs, and keynoted many regional educational events. He is on the rosters of the Illinois, Iowa, Missouri and Nebraska Arts Councils and travels the Midwest full-time delivering a range of educational programs from Character Development, to State History plays to Creative Dramatics Residencies. Fax grew up in Boston, graduated from Brandeis University, and has since brought his special blend of knowledge and entertainment to over 40 states and a dozen foreign countries. In 1990 Fax and his wife, Sharon, moved to Iowa, where he created Fax Gilbert Programs.



*"Fax creates magic with kids!"*

*Dr. Sally Beisser,  
Department of Education, Drake University*



**T**he Great State History Play for Elementary and Middle schools is a lively, humorous account of selected scenes from your state's history. Your students will make your state's history come alive as they learn and re-create:

- ♦ Native American Life
- ♦ Pioneer Living  
*(yes, they had dances!)*
- ♦ The Underground Railroad
- ♦ Civil War
- ♦ Immigrant Migration
- ♦ Early Schools  
*(yes, they had corporal punishment!)*

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*Pioneer Living*



*Immigrant Families Arriving*

## The Play

**F**ax will work with one chosen grade level, usually the grade that studies state history, and prepares them to perform in costume in just one day! If your school is large, then a day and a half or two days will be needed. Fax supplies all curtains, props, costumes (including hats and mustaches) music and PA system. The play can be performed in any gym or auditorium and the whole school and parents are invited to the afternoon performance—which may be videotaped and used as a teaching aid. Some schools have Fax back every year and make this play a part of their school’s curriculum!



*Underground Railroad*



*Early School Discipline*



*Civil War*

## Referrals

*“Learning Illinois History has never been so much fun. The fifth graders will always remember the experience of performing for the other students and their parents. This was our BEST one-day residency ever!!”*

—CHERYL A. BUCK, ED. D PRINCIPAL, HELEN KELLER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, TINLEY PARK, IL

*“Fax—It was wonderful having you in here for your Great State History Play. Students, staff, and parents thought it was an awesome experience!! You are a very talented individual and we’re so glad to be working with you.”*

—BECKY HACKER-KLUVER, PRINCIPAL, WEBSTER CITY, IA., MIDDLE SCHOOL

*“Awesome! Best program of the year. It was great, all the parents said so”*

—BARTLETT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PTO, BARTLETT, IL.

*“Fax Gilbert’s original Great Illinois History Play, was a delightful, entertaining and educational event at Edison School. The third grade student participants and the audience will certainly remember the major historical events in our state’s history after “living” through the experiences as a slave, pioneer, soldier and school teacher.”*

—MAURA ZINNI, PRINCIPAL, EDISON SCHOOL, SKOKIE DISTRICT 69, MORTON GROVE, IL.

*“Fax Gilbert’s Great Nebraska History Play was a big hit with both our elementary schools. Children, teachers, and parents loved it.”*

—ANNA NOLAN, PRESIDENT, BUTLER Co. ARTS COUNCIL, DAVID CITY, NE.

*“Thank you for coming and putting on the play. When I put on the fake mustache it made me feel like a man. I would do the play 50 more times. It was that fun.”*

—STEPHEN, FOURTH GRADER, IRVING ELEMENTARY, BLOOMINGTON, IL.

*“I highly recommend your performance to schools who want to step into an Iowa History textbook and make it come alive. You are truly an educator. Excellent job !!!”*

—TOM GALLIGAN, SOUTHDALE SCHOOL, CEDAR FALLS, IA.

*Separate brochures are available for Fax’s Character Education, Library, Festival/Community, Corporate, and Creative Dramatics Residency Programs.*