

PILLSBURY HOUSE THEATRE

BREAKING ICE



Friday March 19th 2021, 9:00 AM, Community Engagement Day

Tuesday March 23rd 2021, 6:30 PM

Streamed Performance

Breaking Ice, one of Pillsbury House Theatre's signature, award-winning programs, is an entertaining and thought-provoking (virtual) theatre experience designed to foster better understanding and communication with one another. Some of you might recognize them from the presentation they did for Create Community's MLK Day Celebration a couple of years ago.

Breaking Ice uses drama, humor, poetry and monologue to explore how systemic inequities, unconscious bias and misperceptions show up in our relationships and how we can better understand how every day interactions can spur positive change in our communities.

Each performance is unique to the organization hosting the performance. Pillsbury House Theatre met with students, faculty and staff for listening sessions which will inform some of the dramatized interactions portrayed during this streamed theater experience.

A moderated, post-performance discussion will follow the streamed performance.

CONNECT

TOPICS AND THEMES THIS PERFORMANCE ENGAGES WITH:

- Diversity
- Inclusion
- Cultural Studies
- Social Movements
- Civic Engagement
- Theater
- Communication

ONLINE RESOURCES

[Learn more about *Breaking Ice*](#)

[Learn more about Pillsbury House Theatre](#)

[Understanding the Role of Art in Social Movements and Transformation](#)

[TED Talks-Art and Social Change](#)

ENGAGE

Theater is a medium that can present information and ideas in a way that relates back to our lived experiences and can provide us with new understanding around challenging topics.

- Describe insights the *Breaking Ice* performance sparked for you. Did anything you see cause you to think differently or view your interactions in a new way?
- Identify a part of the performance or a character that you empathize with. Why?
- *Breaking Ice* gave us some examples of how systematic inequalities and misperceptions show up in our lives and interactions with others? Can you think of any other examples?
- Identify and commit to one action you can take to help foster increased inclusivity on campus or in your community.

Pillsbury House Theatre's mission is to create challenging theatre that inspires enduring change towards a just society. Pillsbury House Theatre illuminates the differences that make each person unique and the similarities that bring people together, within an artistic environment that promotes understanding and leads to positive action.

- Have you ever been a part of a social cause or movement and worked towards positive change? Are there any issues that are particularly important to you?
- Can you think of any artists who have used their craft to draw attention to a particular social issue? Was it effective in spurring change? Was that change positive or negative?
- Can you think of any social movements that used art as a form of activism?