

The Snowy Day

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Featuring

Ezra Lavala
Mark Wallace

Mumbi Mwaura
Eliana Damaska

McKenzie Stewart
Ysabel Seltzer

Director

Sierra Young

Stage Manager

Olivia Pietanza

Scenic Designer

Joann Lee

Costume Designer

Julier Herber

Lighting Designer

Corey Brown

Sound Designer

Lauren Johnson

Properties Design

Shyden Jamison

Puppet Designer

Dre Moore

Production Manager

Melynda Burdette Wintrol

Technical Director

Cody James

Produced by special arrangement with Plays for New Audiences.

The videotaping or other video or audio recording of this production is strictly prohibited.

CAST

Actor 1 Ezra Lavala
Actor 2 Mumbi Mwaura
Actor 3 Mark Wallace
Actor 4 McKenzie Stewart
Shadow Puppeteer/US Puppeteer Eliana Damaska
Shadow Puppeteer/US Puppeteer Ysabel Seltzer

Special Thanks

Milee McDonald • Robyn Strayer • Zack Callis • Andrea Baker
Tad Janes • Gené Fouché



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About Ezra & the Ezra Jack Keats Foundation



The 1962 publication of *The Snowy Day*, by Ezra Jack Keats, was a watershed event: The beautifully illustrated picture book had an African American child as the protagonist, and it was universally embraced. *The Snowy Day* remains a beloved American classic, acclaimed by the Library of Congress as a “book that shaped America.”

Keats wrote and illustrated over 20 children's books. His best-known characters are a diverse group of friends in an inner-city neighborhood—which was a prototype for “Sesame Street”! He is considered a pioneer in American children's literature for his realistic, multicultural portrayal of childhood. Keats wanted no child to be an outsider: “If we could see each other exactly as the other is,” he wrote, “this would be a different world.”



The mission of the Ezra Jack Keats Foundation is to bring the multicultural, creative spirit of Ezra Jack Keats into children's lives and literature. Set up by Keats in 1964, the EJK Foundation has established itself as an advocate for inclusivity, diversity and public education.

The annual Ezra Jack Keats Book Award is given to new illustrators and writers of outstanding picture books that reflect our cultural diversity and “the spirit of Keats.” The EJK Bookmaking Competition, currently in four cities, is open to public school students to write, illustrate and construct their own books. EJK Mini-Grants of up to \$500 are awarded to public school teachers and public librarians to fund a wide range of imaginative programs.

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