



## Derek Bowley

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### FOCUSING ON THE MUSIC IN MUSICAL THEATER

**Workshop Leader: Derek Bowley**

**For Teachers of Grades 4–8**

**3 hours of instruction time**

**Maximum number of workshop participants: 30**

Directors of school musicals are often looking for better ways to help student performers of all levels—including non-singers and students with changing voices—to perform the songs. This workshop is helpful to both the teacher who is a novice or non-musician, as well as those with more experience. Teachers will learn how to tell a middle C from a high G when reading music and find out when to shift the octave or change a note to suit a student singer. Participants will also find relief in the knowledge that some students may need to speak in rhythm rather than sing their lyrics! In addition, teachers will learn how to take student performers to the next level by helping them not only to sing, but to act the song. Workshop participants will leave feeling more empowered to successfully handle all the musical aspects of their productions.

### DEREK BOWLEY ALSO OFFERS THE FOLLOWING SERVICES\* FOR:

#### Students

- Workshops in Preparation for Performance/Exhibit Attendance
- Other Workshops
- Residencies
- Written Guides to Performances/Exhibits

#### Other

- Music Direction for School and Professional Productions
- Direction for School Productions

*\*Not all services have been designed or presented by the Kennedy Center.*

DEREK BOWLEY'S Kennedy Center credits as musical director include the world premiere and national touring productions of both Katie Couric's *The Brand New Kid* and *The Phantom Tollbooth*, as well as *Disney's Mulan Jr.*, *Disney's Aladdin Jr.* and *Disney's Alice in Wonderland Jr.* with the Musicals in the Schools Summer Theater Program. Other DC area credits as musical director include *Glory Days* (World Premiere), *tick, tick...BOOM!* and *Shlemiel the First*. During his tenure as Associate Director of Education at North Shore Music Theatre in Massachusetts, Derek served as musical director on over 15 youth productions. In addition to his professional theater work, Derek works nationally as a theater educator with Congressional Schools of Virginia, Creative Artists Institute and iTheatrics.