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Performer and Educator

This worksheet was created as a part of Center Theatre Group's Theatre Artist Classroom Connections video series, accessible via CTGLA.org/ClassroomConnections.

Reflection Questions

- What is the one piece of advice or statement from this conversation that spoke to you the most, and why?
- Varella says of her many jobs that she's worked over the years, "it's all the same thing." What are some skills that you've learned in the arts that you think could translate into skills beyond the theatre? What are skills you've learned in jobs, classes or activities outside of the theatre that have been useful in your theatre work?
- Varella's parents taught her that there is always a community in need, and if you go and listen to them, you can find a way to be of service. Is there a community in your area you know to be in need? What is one way you can be of service to that community?
- Imagine you are in charge of your own theatre company. What would your mission statement be?

Learning Activities

Physical Barometer: Instructor will identify one wall of their room as "totally agree" and another as "totally disagree." Instructor will read one of the statements below out loud. Learners will move to the side of the room that aligns with their opinion. From their positions, Instructor can call on learners to defend their position.

On Zoom, students can turn their video on or off to signal agreement or use opposite sides of their Zoom box as agree/disagree and indicate their position with their hand.

- Barometer Prompt One: Theatre is an effective tool to fight for social justice.
- Barometer Prompt Two: An artist should consume as much art as they create.
- Barometer Prompt Three: Artists have the responsibility to also be educators.

Research theatre companies in your city (or the city in which you intend to live after school), paying close attention to the theatre's mission statement and past works. Identify a theatre in which you might be interested in working. What aspects of their mission statement and past works align with your goals?

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