

Illinois Learning Standards Fulfilled by The Robben Island Singers

Groundswell's Robben Island Singers School Program encompasses a diverse array of themes across subjects and covers a lot of educational ground. Students receive more than simply an introduction to the history of Apartheid in South Africa; they receive practical knowledge and skills they can apply to their own lives here in Chicago. Below is a comprehensive list of the ISBE Illinois Learning Standards (ILS) goals that the Robben Island Singers School Program helps teachers achieve.

Social Sciences

- **18.A.4** Analyze the influence of cultural factors including customs, traditions, language, media, art and architecture in developing pluralistic societies.
- **16.B.5c (W)** Analyze the relationship of an issue in world political history to the related aspects of world economic, social and environmental history.
- **16.D.5 (W)** Analyze the relationship between an issue in world social history and the related aspects of political, economic and environmental history.

English

- **4.A.4a** Apply listening skills as individuals and members of a group in a variety of settings (e.g., lectures, discussions, conversations, team projects, presentations, interviews).
- **4.B.4d** Use verbal and nonverbal strategies to maintain communication and to resolve individual and group conflict.
- **4.B.5d** Use verbal and nonverbal strategies to maintain communication and to resolve individual, group and workplace conflict (e.g., mediation skills, formal and informal bargaining skills).

Physical Development and Health

- **24.A.5** Compare and contrast strategies to prevent conflict and resolve differences.
- **24.A.4b** Formulate strategies to prevent conflict and resolve differences.

Fine Arts

- **26.B.5** Common for all four arts: Create and perform a complex work of art using a variety of techniques, technologies and resources and independent decisionmaking.
- **27.A.4b** Analyze how the arts are used to inform and persuade through traditional and contemporary art forms.

Social Emotional Learning

- **2B.5a.** Evaluate strategies for being respectful of others and opposing stereotyping and prejudice.
- **2B.4b.** Demonstrate respect for individuals from different social and cultural groups.
- **2B.5b.** Evaluate how advocacy for the rights of others contributes to the common good.
- **3C.5a.** Work cooperatively with others to plan, implement, and evaluate a project to meet an identified school need.
- **3C.4b.** Plan, implement, and evaluate one's participation in a group effort to contribute to one's local community.
- **3C.5b.** Work cooperatively with others to plan, implement, and evaluate a project that addresses an identified need in the broader community.