

OPPORTUNITY FOR BOSTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS!



Boston school groups that attend a performance of *The Trial of Anthony Burns* at the historic John Adams Courthouse as part of our Road to Tolerance program, have an exciting opportunity to further enhance their field trip. Text and images related to the Burns trial are featured in **The Long Road to Justice: The African American Experience in Massachusetts** exhibit at the Edward W. Brooke Courthouse, located within walking distance of the Adams Courthouse. The Executive Office of the Trial Court of Massachusetts invites school groups to take a guided tour of the exhibition following the production. **FREE of charge.**

Additional possibilities for school groups include participating in Theatre Espresso's post-show workshops at the Brooke Courthouse (instead of at their school), meeting with a judge at the Brooke Courthouse, and touring the John Adams Courthouse.

The Long Road to Justice Exhibit documents and explores the struggles of African Americans in seeking justice and racial equality from 1638, when the first enslaved Africans arrived in Boston, to the present. Students will learn about groundbreaking cases in Massachusetts courts, including the following:

- Elizabeth Freeman's (Mum Bett) challenge against her owners and claim to liberty under the law;
- The impact of the Fugitive Slave Act of 1850 in the Anthony Burns case;
- The more recent history of segregation in Boston Public Schools.



The exhibit includes court records, historical artifacts, and some audio and video components, with a particular focus on lessons for middle and high school students, and a teacher's guide.

For more information about participating in this exciting program, please contact Theatre Espresso's Managing Director Kortney Adams at kortney@theatreespresso.org

[Long Road to Justice](#) is a permanent installation developed by the Justice George Lewis Ruffin Society, an organization in Massachusetts that promotes greater understanding between the Black and Latino communities and the criminal justice system, and supports the advancement of people of color in the criminal justice field. The Society, named for the Commonwealth's first African American judge, is affiliated with Northeastern University's School of Criminology and Criminal Justice.