

## It's Your Time to Shine Acting Program Held for GHA Youth

GREENSBORO, NC - Youth ages five to 16 presented a play entitled "You Look Ridiculous" on Saturday, August 17, at Greensboro Housing Authority's (GHA) Claremont Courts Community Building. The play, which was viewed by over 60 family members, friends and GHA staff, was the culmination of a theater art workshop that began in early July and met each Saturday in the Riverbirch community.

With a mission to enhance and inspire the artistic qualities of youth and adults through education, imagination and creativity, staff from the Foxfire Productions Performing Arts Development Center gave youth a needed platform to let their talent shine. Thirty-three youth dedicated their time during the height of summer to attend rehearsals, learn their assigned roles, and hone their acting skills in the It's Your Time to Shine Acting Program.



The young actors, dressed as jungle animals, take a bow after performing "You Look Ridiculous" at Claremont Courts.

Incorporating dance and song, the play's jungle characters taught about the effects of bullying, peer pressure, and the need to look and act like

everybody else. "You Look Ridiculous" brought home the message to just be yourself and know that we are each uniquely and wonderfully made.

After attending the play, GHA's Chief Executive Officer Tina Akers Brown stated, "It was one of the most creative plays I've seen in a while, professional or otherwise. It was very apparent that the children had worked hard and enjoyed their summer experience."