

Deaf Culture Question of the Week – Sept 13 – 17, 2010

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What was the name of the traveling theater company sponsored by the National Technical Institute for the Deaf (NTID) from 1980 – 2001?

- a. National Theatre of the Deaf (NTD)
- b. Sunshine Too!
- c. Rainbows End
- d. Deaf Children’s Theater Group (DCTG)

Scroll down for the answer.

Answer: “b” – Sunshine Too was founded at the National Technical Institute for the Deaf in 1980 . It was an example of bilingualism in action promoting ASL and English and the partnership of Deaf and hearing actors performing for school children and their families across the United States and the world.

Sunshine Too was a professional touring theatre company comprised of three Deaf and three Hearing actors. Sponsored by the National Technical Institute for the Deaf (NTID), a college of the Rochester Institute of Technology located in Rochester, New York, the company toured nationally and internationally entertaining and educating audiences with performances and workshops that focus on Deaf Awareness and Deaf Culture as well as universal societal issues and concerns such as cultural diversity and the environment.

But most importantly, a **Sunshine Too** performance were fun! Performances were a unique blend of comedy and drama, movement and music, and poetry and song. Sunshine Too had programs for all ages--Elementary schools, Middle and High schools, and shows for adults and families. All performances and workshops were beautifully presented in both American Sign Language and spoken English.[Cited from: http://www.rit.edu/~w-npart/sunshine_too/SunshineTooHP.html]

Read about the history of Sunshine Too here:

http://www.rit.edu/~w-npart/sunshine_too/STooHistoryHP.html