

Experience history though baseball

Bobby Norfolk's latest living history performance takes us on a fascinating journey through the heyday of the Negro Baseball Leagues, a time when this country was segregated by Jim Crow laws, and America's "National Pastime" wore two faces, the whites-only Major Leagues and the upstart Negro National League. In this powerful and riveting performance, Bobby brings to life an important but sometimes forgotten era in baseball history, telling passionate, humorous, and often unbelievable stories of



James
"Cool
Papa"
Bell

exploits both on and off the field, focusing on the St. Louis Stars own James "Cool Papa" Bell, and the Kansas City Monarch's Leroy "Satchel" Paige. Bobby invites his audience to experience the harsh discrimination, adversity, and eventual Hall of Fame triumph for some of these players.

Historical slides and period music enhance this emotional performance, illustrating the clash of race, sports and culture.

This show is ideal for high school, college and adult community venues.

*Bobby can also adapt the language and content of this presentation for grades 3-8, addressing Grade Level Expectations for US History, Theater, Music, and English.

SHADOWBALL

The Negro Baseball Leagues

A ONE MAN THEATRICAL PERFORMANCE

Satchel
Paige



**Starring
Emmy-Winning
Story-Performer
Bobby
Norfolk**

**Directed by Beverly Brennan
as a tribute to her father,
famed sportscaster
Jack Buck**



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