This year’s Theatre for Youth show will focus on the story of the first Indian-American to join the U.S. Army and his fight for citizenship in front of the Superior Court.

Bhagat Singh Thind was born on October 3, 1892 in the state of Punjab, India. He was a spiritualist and the first Indian-American Sikh to join the U.S. Army. After the war he sought the right to become a naturalized citizen based on the legality that Caucasians had access to these rights. When Bhagat Singh Thind was denied citizenship he took his case to the Supreme Court and in 1923, United States v. Bhagat Singh Thind was decided in favor of the United States. This led to all Indian citizenships being revoked for not being a White person in accordance with the definition defined by the U.S. government.

Book our upcoming March 2016 Theatre for Youth touring production The Story of Bhagat Singh Thind today!

ABOUT THEATRE FOR YOUTH
The East West Players’ Theatre for Youth touring production offers new ways to see the world through theatre that stimulate students to discover the prominent role Asian Pacific Americans have played in our history.

Created in the early-1970’s, Theatre for Youth was designed to promote cultural understanding and racial tolerance among youth. Today, the program strives to expand the history and curriculum to include stories about pioneering and groundbreaking Americans.

The programs we offer illustrate the incredible wealth of the Asian Pacific American cultural experiences in Southern California. East West Players’ Theatre for Youth program meets the California Content Standards.

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