



OKANOGAN REGION ARTS EDUCATION PARTNERSHIP

ARTIST PROFILE

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Theater Arts
All Districts

Preferred Age/Grade level: K-12

Possible Curricular Ties: Literature, History, Art

Residency Suggestions:

K-6: Students will study all the aspects of creating a performance. They will participate in acting exercises which will focus on pretending, character development, vocal variety and performance. The artist and teacher will choose a story to perform. Students will learn how to audition for roles and then rehearse and create a polished performance. Artist and teacher will create minimal costumes and props with an emphasis on creativity. Final performances can be presented to other classes or parents. The goal of the residency is to teach students the basics of theater and to encourage a higher level of confidence in themselves and their abilities.

7-12: The artist and the teacher will choose a script that is appropriate for the class. Options will vary from Arthur Miller, Neil Simon, Dale Wasserman, Wendy Wasserstein and many others. Classical scripts are also good choices. Time will be spent on script analyzing and playwright background. We will do in-depth character and set study. Teachers can choose to either do informal work with script focusing on the process or choose to do a final performance. Final performances would contain scenes from the show. With scene performances, several students could play the larger roles. Theater games and activities would still be a focus as technique is discussed. Final performances would be evaluated by the students.

Supplies, Equipment, Space and Time Considerations:

- * If possible, a performance space is very helpful in creating the “theater magic”. If not, an empty classroom.
- * Various costumes and props collected by the artist and teachers.
- * Scripts for grades 7-12.
- * This residency can be as short as three days, or as long as a semester.

Teaching Experience:

2005 – Received BFA in Drama from UW
2002 to present – Professional Actor
2007 – Assistant Director, The Tempest, Auburn Regional Theater
2008 – Weekly theater coach in Jr. High Drama class, Liberty Bell Jr. High
2008 – Director, The Best Christmas Pageant Ever, The Merc Playhouse
2008 – Drama Residency, kindergarten, Methow Valley Elementary School
2010—Drama summer camps with Merc Playhouse and Little Star Montessori School