



## OKANOGAN REGION ARTS EDUCATION PARTNERSHIP ARTIST PROFILE

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**Theater**  
All Districts

**Preferred Age/Grade level:** 3 – 12

**Possible Curricular Ties:** English, Literature, Visual Arts

**Suggested residencies:** A Theatre Arts Residency provides students with opportunities to work towards high standards, contribute to a group goal and experience success in a performance situation. My residencies for students in grades 3 through 12 are designed to help students take advantage of those opportunities. Residency projects are structured to meet the needs of your students and teachers and to tie into your curriculum. Recent Residency projects have included:

5<sup>th</sup> grade students in Wenatchee rehearsing and performing a student written play called *"The Shrubbe Steppe Café."* The play tied into their science curriculum.

6<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade students in Salmon, Idaho rehearsing and performing a collection of scenes from Shakespeare comedies called *Shakespeare ON Love*.

6<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade students from Liberty Bell High School rehearsing and performing short scenes from Shakespeare (Nickel Shakespeare) at the Ashland Actors public performance

**Supplies, space and time considerations:** Scripts are required for most residencies. Rehearsal space can be a stage, gym or common area. I am available throughout the year and will travel throughout the county.

**Teaching experience:** Rod Molzahn has taught on both the secondary and community college levels and holds a Washington K – 12 certificate. Since 1986 he has brought his residencies and performances as Will Shakespeare to students throughout the United States and Canada. He has been named three times to the Artist-in-Residence Roster of the Washington State Arts Commission. Since 1995 Molzahn has produced and directed Shakespeare Summer Camps in Wenatchee (The Wells House Players at Ohme Gardens) and in Newport, Oregon (Oregon Coast Council for the Arts Shakespeare Camp).

**Artist Statement:** Helping students discover creativity and truth about themselves through performance is greatly rewarding. It satisfies both the artist and the teacher in me. It has been said that "Art starts in the schools" and "Art saves lives." Both are true.