



PROFESSIONAL ARTIST RESIDENCIES FOR 2015-2016

Kindergarten: Telling Stories with Puppets / Katy Rydell / April 2016

Katy Rydell has been telling stories to a wide variety of audiences for over twenty years. She's been a featured performer, a popular teacher, a musician and a writer. She has done two prior residencies with Arts Are Elementary. During the 2011/12 academic year she shared the Japanese form of storytelling, Kamishibai, and in 2013 she shared storytelling through the use of children's original artwork. This time around Katy will work with students on the literary components of establishing a conflict at the beginning of a story, plot advancement in the middle, and conflict resolution at the end – all with the help of puppets made by kindergarteners.

To learn more about Katy, please visit her website at www.katrydell.com.

Multi-Age & First Grade: Our Human Journey with Clay / Squidge Davis / Dec. 2015

Squidge Davis, director of Starflower Farm and Studios and its principal teacher, has been a Resident Artist for the state of Maine since 1978. In that capacity she has taught thousands of individuals the joy of creative process through the clay and inner listening. Squidge is a favorite AAE resident of both kids and teachers alike – this will mark her 6th time with us! Using clay and nature imagery, Squidge will guide students as they experience clay using the same techniques and gestures as our ancient ancestors.

To learn more about Squidge, please visit her website www.starflowerfarmstudio.com.

Second Grade: Physical Theater with Gretchen Berg / January 2016

Gretchen Berg is another perennial AAE favorite and will join us this year for the fourth time. In her work as a teaching artist, Gretchen collaborates with educators and students to integrate theater, dance, visual arts, and classroom curriculum in New England schools and museums. Gretchen serves as the Lead Teaching Artist and Curriculum Consultant for SideXSide in Portland, a program similar to Arts Are Elementary. Working with second grade classes to create lively performances about whatever subject the class is studying -- from aardvarks to Zanzibar, Gretchen will bring students' studies to life.

Third Grade: Contemporary Folk Music & Songwriting / Jud Caswell / January 2016

New to AAE this year – but certainly not new to Brunswick or Brunswick's schools – local singer/songwriter Jud Caswell will tie together elements from traditional and contemporary folk music as he guides third graders in the art of songwriting. Kids will learn about the folk process, write their own songs to an existing melody about a curricular subject, and record their work. Jud has released five albums, has performed at folk festivals around the country, leads songwriting workshops, and is a regular performer for kids at local schools and libraries.

To learn more about Jud, please visit www.judcaswell.com.

Fourth Grade: Poetry & Printmaking / Gibson Fay-LeBlanc / November 2015

Portland's Poet Laureate Gibson Fay-LeBlanc will work with Brunswick's fourth graders as they develop their poetic voice and style in his Poetry and Printmaking residency. Working from the curriculum area of the classroom teacher's choosing, students will take their writing from draft to finished form and will create a unique stamp to adorn the front of their poetry chap books. Gibson has taught the art of writing to all ages and is a gifted teaching artist.

To learn more about Gibson and his work, please visit www.gibsonfayleblanc.com

Fifth Grade: Painted Mural Art Installation / Randy Fein / March 2016

Arts Are Elementary is celebrating its 35th year of bringing quality professional artist residencies to Brunswick's kids and to celebrate we decided to go BIG with our fifth grade residency this year. Working from the Social Studies study area "Age of Exploration," Lincolnville muralist Randy Fein will help students at HBS create a 3' x 16' painted mural celebrating Discovery and Exploration to hang permanently in the fifth grade stairwell. Students at St. John's Catholic School will create a 4' round mural for the St. John's lobby. Randy is an accomplished ceramic sculptor, painter and is a well-known arts educator who has a 30-year history of leading community inspired workshops in both public and private schools.

To learn more about Randy and her work, please visit www.randyfein.com.

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