

# Integrating the arts into everyday teaching

Presenters: Trudy Monette and Jeannine Coulombe



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# Jeannine Coulombe

- Jeannine Coulombe joined NTC in 2022 as the Sales and Marketing Content Manager. Prior to coming to NTC, Jeannine was the Manager of New Plays and Conservatory Director at Stages Theatre Company for 14 years. She developed over 25 stage adaptations of children’s literature with playwrights and composers hailing from around the country and wrote more than a 100 teacher resource guides on arts integrated lessons. As a teaching artist Jeannine taught students ages 3-18 for 25 years in schools throughout the Midwest, working with classroom teachers to integrate arts into lesson plans. As a theatre professional she has worn many hats and co-founded two professional theatre companies in the Twin Cities. She has worked as a professional playwright, director, dramaturg and producer. As a creative writer Jeannine has written plays for both youth and adult audiences and currently finished her first novel. As a professional writer Jeannine has written grants, blogs, digital and print marketing copy and website content. At NTC she brings her theatre, teaching, writing and marketing background together into one job. Supporting educators in engaging their students in learning is and has always been the joy of Jeannine’s work.



# Trudy Monette

- Trudy has been teaching dance and theater to young students for over thirty years. She has worked at various schools and theaters in Texas, Iowa, and Nebraska. In the Twin Cities Trudy has taught for Stepping Stone Theatre, Children's Theatre Company, Illusion Theater, Minneapolis Kids, North and South High Schools, Macalester College and Hamline University. She has choreographed numerous shows for Project Success, StageCoach Theatre Arts Schools, and Chanticleer Theatre. She has appeared on stage at Penumbra, Mixed Blood, Stages and Illusion Theatres. She has toured with National Theatre for Children, Historical Perspectives for Children and the Sounds of Blackness. Trudy is currently an Education Associate for Stages Theatre Company where her duties include; training teaching artists, developing curriculum for the Arts and Literacy Program as well as working directly with elementary classroom teachers on a daily basis. Trudy is energized by the collaborative process and enjoys exploring options to bring new and innovative ideas to a class.



# NTC: Who we are

- We are the National Theatre for Children, the educational resource for schools.
- We have performed 30-minute theatre shows for grades K-12 for over forty years.



# NTC: What we do



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# Teacher Testimonial



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# Elements of Theater:

- Storytelling
- Characterization
- Setting
- Plot
- Costuming
- Diction
- Volume



# K-2 Activity: Butterfly Dance

- Egg
  - Caterpillar
  - Pupa
  - Butterfly
- Body
  - Action
  - Space
  - Time
  - Energy

Link: <https://www.kennedy-center.org/education/resources-for-educators/classroom-resources/lessons-and-activities/lessons/k-2/butterfly-life-cycle-dance/>





# 3-5 Activity: Melting Pot Recipe Book

- List the ingredients for the recipe
  - Describe the steps to prepare the recipe
  - Write a brief biography of the family member
- Where was the person born?
  - How did they get the recipe?
  - How has the recipe changed over time?
  - When is the dish usually made and served?
  - Does the recipe belong to a particular holiday or tradition?
  - Present to the class how the recipe reflects their family culture.

Link: <https://www.kennedy-center.org/education/resources-for-educators/classroom-resources/lessons-and-activities/lessons/3-5/america-a-home-for-every-culture/>



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# 5-8 Activity: Create a National Park ad campaign



- Research a National Park
- Collect images
- Make a collage
- Present ideas in class

Link: <https://www.kennedy-center.org/education/resources-for-educators/classroom-resources/lessons-and-activities/lessons/6-8/discovering-national-parks/>



# Additional Links

- K-2:

- Create your own “adjective” monsters using paper sculpture techniques

- <https://www.kennedy-center.org/education/resources-for-educators/classroom-resources/lessons-and-activities/lessons/k-2/adjective-monster/>

- Create a story page about animal habitats using a non-traditional book illustration method

- <https://www.kennedy-center.org/education/resources-for-educators/classroom-resources/lessons-and-activities/lessons/k-2/animal-habitats/>



# Additional Links

- 3-5:

- Explore elements of advertising design in posters, billboards and media ads
  - <https://www.kennedy-center.org/education/resources-for-educators/classroom-resources/lessons-and-activities/lessons/3-5/art-in-advertising/>
- Choreograph a sequence of ballet movements to tell a story
  - <https://www.kennedy-center.org/education/resources-for-educators/classroom-resources/lessons-and-activities/lessons/3-5/ballet-and-classical-music/>



# Additional Links

- 5-8:
  - Explore how myths help to explain nature and science
    - <https://www.kennedy-center.org/education/resources-for-educators/classroom-resources/lessons-and-activities/lessons/6-8/a-world-of-myths/>
  - Apply mathematical, science and engineering concepts by making mobiles
    - <https://www.kennedy-center.org/education/resources-for-educators/classroom-resources/lessons-and-activities/lessons/6-8/balancing-mobiles/>



# Questions from you!



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