

Melinda Strobel



Mission Statement:

I believe in providing students with a safe learning environment to encourage them to creatively explore the world around them with the minds, bodies and imaginations. By combining acting skills with your choice of material, students will develop an enthusiastic appreciation of the humanities through the medium of performance art.

Grades Served:

K-12

Lives In:

Hood River, OR

Homestay:

May be required.

Curriculum Connections

**CS DR GH LA
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Humanities Alive: Energizing Our Work Through Theatre

Melinda will cover basic acting techniques such as vocal projection, creating a character, eye contact, and speaking in front of others. Students will also learn how to move their bodies through space, how to physically work together in small spaces, how to make risky choices, and freeze their bodies and voices. The raw material is up to you! Pick what works best for you, your students and your curriculum. For example: Games, Literature, History, Poetry, Play Production, Mime, Improvisation, and Social Interaction.

The quality of performances depends on the number of contact hours with students and the length of the material. Typically, performances involving students 3rd grade and above will require 5-10 contact hours. Special projects can be scheduled to give students time to rehearse and perform.

Facilities & Supplies

Photocopies if scripts are used. Access to library research materials for history, literature, poetry, etc.

A large, open space such as a gym, stage or multipurpose room that is free of other school activities and distracting noises.

About the Artist...

Melinda Strobel has been a professional actor for 17 years. Her training began at Willamette University and continued at the London Academy of Music and Dramatic Art. Her stage work in both Atlanta and Portland has included a range of work from Shakespeare to Pinter. In 1991, she began extensive research into Susan B. Anthony's life, which culminated in a one-woman show. This production garnered grants from around the U.S., and she received many accolades for her unique skills.

