

Workshop Possibilities Grades 5-8

Single period (40-60 minute classroom workshops)

### **What A Character!**

Plot, a well developed, interesting plot, evolves out of character. If you can draw a three dimensional being with motivations, idiosyncrasies, hopes, and fears, then their interactions with the world creates plot. This workshop is dedicated to helping your students explore character development. Through theater games, analysis, and interactive problem solving students will learn to draw deeper characters. There is a writing assignment follow-up to the workshop.

### **Getting the Story off the Page**

Often we read a good tale and in the retelling of it something is lost. When stories are transcribed into the printed word, they go through a transformation from an oral into literary tradition. A reverse process is required to make a story live again off the page. During our time together students will learn how to take a short written tale and blow life back into it.

### **Wake UP! Improvising Stories**

Without our imaginations we cannot solve tomorrows problems. This workshop is aimed at waking up the creative juices, enabling students to get in touch with their native intelligence and wit, and learning cooperative games and techniques for building tales.

### **Polishing the Gem: The Techniques of Telling**

So, your students are already itinerant storytellers. This workshop will help them polish their skills. Focusing on using the voice pallet, physicalization and visualization, these techniques will bring out the thespian in your students.

Longer Workshops Include:

**Creating the History Story**

**Family Tales**

**Story Theater**