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## Trix Bruce Newsletter

Dear Trix,

June is here! It's the sixth month of the year, with six more to go. Are you ready to refresh yourself? A fine way to get things started: **RELAX**! We tend to *buzz around like bees* to get our CEUs, attend workshops, and pursue professional development, which is all good. Yet how about going to an ASL Interpreter Spa? Ha! I am just dreaming!

When I sat down to catch up with emails, booking plans, and all of that, I suddenly realized how quickly my business has been expanding. Reorganizing papers that had been piling up on my desk wasn't much fun, but it reminded me of the many new faces I'd met and the unbelievable, amazing signing skills people have been developing! I'm working on several new projects with idioms, semantics, and storytelling. I'm excited about bringing you more challenges!

Relax, Refresh, Renew!

Trix

### International Storytelling Festival

**The 5th Winnipeg International Storytelling Festival: Storytelling on the Path to Peace**, Visiting Winnipeg, Canada was something! It was interesting to learn about the culture, especially the various sign languages and regional accents. Seeing kids laughing and chatting was heartwarming, and the children asked several curious questions about Deaf people's experiences.

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In Canada, the festival is presented by the Arthur V. Mauro Centre for Peace and Justice at St. Paul's College, because storytelling is at the heart of peacemaking. The Festival nurtures the art of spoken-word storytelling in Winnipeg & the role of storytelling for peace and renewing community. Dialogue and creativity are critical for global citizenship and promoting a culture of peace, social justice, and human rights. Visit this site: (<http://umanitoba.ca/storytelling/>)

I also visited a Deaf Center in Winnipeg. Wow! What a busy place it was, with all the senior citizens gathering together to play cards, chat, and relax.

#### ASL Idol Show coming...

**SILENT WEEKEND, Thursday, June 24 ~ Join the fun and show off your talents in "Trix's ASL Idol"!** Let the magic happen as you try out your improv signing skills at this creative event. Join in as Trix and event participants compose and present A to Z, number, and handshape stories, and all kinds of ASL entertainment. Deaf judges will determine contest winners. Don't miss this sensational signing extravaganza!

Hey, I am really excited about holding another ASL Idol Show on June 24, 2010! Time's passing so quickly, it's unbelievable! I'm working on making this ASL Idol magical and wanted to show you the 2008 and 2009 ASL Idols. We are proud of their accomplishments during our Silent Weekend! Who will be our next ASL Idol?

"When I raised my hand to be chosen as a contestant for ASL Idol I didn't think I would move on to the next round. I was happy when the movie "Transformers" was chosen since it is one of my favorite movies. When we were done, I couldn't believe I was moved to the next round, then the semi-finals, and finally the finals.

ASL Idol gave me the opportunity to open my imagination and think outside the norm. Once again ASL excels in expression, imagination and art. I don't think there is any spoken language that can do

what ASL can.

From the bottom of my heart, it is an honor to be the winner of ASL idol 2009. I look forward to seeing you again. I have enjoyed your DVD's very much. Thanks again for sharing your talent with us here in Florida." Sincerely, Farah Rudnicki



Farah Rudnicki, Miami, Florida, ASL Idol 2009: ASL Personification Storytelling



Dawn, ASL Idol 2008: Most Embarrassed Storytelling

## Questions & Answers

**Do you sell your dvd's any cheaper when you are doing your workshops?** Yes, through the summer workshops, I would offer my DVD at just \$30 each. Enjoy your summer discounts!

**Which DVD are you working on next?**

ASL Semantics Focus Word: RUN and Adventuring in ASL: Trix's Travels.

## Upcoming Events

- [Silent Weekend, Orlando, FL ASL](#)
- [Semantics in Germantown / Memphis, TN](#)
- [Non Manual Signals in Germantown / Memphis, TN](#)
- [Tales of A Mad Mad Mad ASL World in Great Falls, MT](#)
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- [ASL Semantics in Farmington, MO](#)
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## Fan Email

"I gotta say this CEU stuff has really been a pain in the neck here in this town because there's just not that much offered. That is why Trix's workshop coming to town is so exciting!" Participant in Memphis, TN

"I already watched the Hearing World Around Me. The older I get the more amazed I am at all the life people have lived. You know, I'm just blown away by it, really. We all have so much and we live it all alone. Every one of us. people are all so near, yet so far away. Irony always gets to me." Pauline, Torrance, CA

"Thank you for sharing your knowledge with us! Your workshop was the one where I feel that I have learned the most from, honest!" Kathryn Davis, Portland, Oregon

"Your workshop was one of the most informative workshops I have ever attended. The examples and explanations were easy to understand and many of my questions were answered. I look forward to see you again!" Thank you, Pat

# \$10 off and a FREE SHIPPING!

Now is the time to take advantage of these great savings! Use this coupon if you would like to purchase Trix's DVDs before August 15, 2010.



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