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Love Your Work, I Love My Work!

2009 is here and there's a lot to do! Without a doubt, 2008 was an amazing experience for me. Nothing can stop me now! I **love** where my life is because my imagination has taken me to the place where I now live my dreams.

Love your work! No need to feel drained, unmotivated, unchallenged - make a difference at any age, in any circumstances! Gather your ideas, suggestions, and journals all together - words, commitments, and effort will combine to present powerful messages. Make your own "**good luck**" with new ideas!



Texas BASH!

Deaf Action Center from Dallas, Texas cordially invites Trix to do a "**Can Do It**" attitude presentation at 2009 Teen Leadership Summit for Deaf & Hard of Hearing Girls on May 13, 2009.

Trix is going to **TEXAS!** Contact her NOW to book her show and workshop in **Houston** anytime from March 27 - April 4 and in **Dallas** from May 14 - 17. Please let Trix know if you find a training room and a theater she can use. Trix is looking forward to rounding up some great stories and presentations for Texas audiences!

~ **Go Texas !**

Do you need RID CEU clock hours?

Yes? I am available to sponsor participants through all the following:

- Your organization or Your **own workshop**, which you establish and present to get clock hours
- **Independent study activities**, such as: Home study with videos, research or literature reviews, study groups, acting as a mentor or being mentored, curriculum/workshop development, teaching a workshop for the first time, etc. Remember: Independent Study only offers up to 2.0 CEUs.
- **Academic Coursework** - such as college credit taken at an accredited institution
- **Participant Initiated Non-RID Activities (PINRA):** Coursework such as academic coursework, in-service workshops, workshops, or other non-RID conferences, etc.

If interested, contact Trix at info@trxbruce.com

Common Question Asked Trix

People often ask me, "Trix, how can I **improve** my signing skills?" My reply is always the same: "**Practice, practice, practice!**" You can, you must - and, with this practice, you will get better! Encourage yourself. Think positive. Learn much as you can. Watch your friends and others signing, interpreting, teaching, or just talking, and you'll find clues to your future finesse.

When I can, I like to jot down new signs. For instance, I saw a storyteller using a certain handshape to represent a tornado in Nebraska. Next time I had opportunity, I used that sign in my storytelling.

Practice may seem boring, of course. But believe me, **it works!** Your self-esteem will increase right along with your growing skills. Everyone makes mistakes - just learn and move on. Look for related reading material and videos. Set **challenges** for yourself that focus on specific skills. Take **every opportunity** to observe other developing signers and interpreters - or, if you are a working interpreter, to mentor others. Keep yourself motivated to continue learning, despite your worries during these difficult economic times. **Hang in there!** Wake up happy each new day, glad to be breathing and to have another day to practice and improve. **You can do it!**

Newsflash! New Shows for 2009!

Adventuring in ASL: Trix 's Travels

Trix's newest show, Adventuring in ASL: Trix's Travels, features hilarious true tales. Trix has journaled through years of journeying, and now she's ready to share these stories with you. As a Deaf person traveling among hearing people, Trix has experienced incredible ups and downs, adventures, snags, crazy-making moments, and eventual happy landings. Trix draws you in as she encounters misunderstandings, missed flights, embarrassing times, exciting challenges, and a growing sense of travel-savvy. Take a ride with Trix, and see for yourself!

Trix's ASL Idol!

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!

Trix's ASL Karaoke Competition

Step into the spotlight! What, you think you need a microphone? No way! Use your hands to sign your heart out for a chance to win! Do a song in ASL! Relax. The lyrics are on a screen. Let your hands do the dance, become a famous singer, express yourself and go wild! Winning secrets: Make a great connection with your audience and impress the judge! You could win a competition T-shirt! The Top Winner takes home the DVD Award!

SIGNS GONE WRONG: ASL BLOOPERS

Over the years, interpreters, students and teachers have shared with Trix some of the unintentionally funny things they've signed. We've all had this kind of experience. Let's help each other make it through as we laugh at our ASL bloopers!

And don't miss this new 2009 workshop:

THE DEAF WOMAN'S SECRET OF SUCCESS: JUST BE YOURSELF!

Are you a Deaf woman with a vision? Well, it's a Deaf woman's world! Deaf businesswoman Trix Bruce shows you how she followed her heart to business success. Trix will help you explore your own ideas and empower you to develop as a Deaf female role model. You'll get encouragement to get to the top! Be proud of your talents, your accomplishments, and your soaring goals.

NEW DVD RELEASE.....



ASL SEMANTICS: Precision of Expression Series Focus Word: OUT

Semantics is defined as the study of meanings expressed by the elements of a language or a combination of the elements. A concept expressed in an ASL sign often cannot be conveyed by a single all-purpose English word. Likewise, English words and phrases may have variations in meaning, which require translations using different ASL signs. This workshop helps the participant advance skills in translating the languages of ASL and English.

Examples:

- Out of the blue,
- chill out,
- check out,
- out of touch,
- knock out,
- out of your mind,
- out of sight,
- out of my league,

- spit it out, flat out, and many more....

If you are interested in placing an order for this DVD:contact info@TrixBruce.com

UPCOMING WORKSHOPS/SHOWS:

[March 28: English Equivalents in Tampa, Florida](#)

[April 3: The Trix Bruce Improv Comedy Spotlight in Houston, Texas](#)

[April 4: "Face Painting" with Non-Manual Signals in ASL in Houston, Texas](#)

[April 17: The Trix Bruce Improv Comedy Spotlight in St. Paul, Minnesota](#)

[April 18: "Face Painting" with Non-Manual Signals in ASL in Coon Rapids, Minnesota](#)

[April 19: The Trix Bruce Improv Comedy Spotlight in St. Paul, Minnesota](#)

[May 2: "Face Painting" with Non-Manual Signals in ASL in Lynnwood, Washington](#)

[May 8: Story Worth A Thousand Signs in Tacoma, Washington](#)

[May 9: The Trix Bruce Improv Comedy Spotlight in Long Island, New York](#)

[May 13: Magic Of Your Own: A "Can Do" Attitude in Dallas, Texas](#)

[May 15: The Trix Bruce Improv Comedy Spotlight in Forth Worth, Texas](#)

[May 16: VISUALIZE THIS: Drawing Spaces with ASL Classifiers in Forth Worth, Texas](#)

"Completely enjoyed the workshop! I had so many "ah-has." I do hope you are able to come back again in the future. You are the best for invigorating the interpreters that seem to become "stagnant." But you energize and excite the new ones. to know it is ok to have "that expression." THANK YOU!"

Sandy Leach, South Dakota

XOXO
~ Me

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