



Trix Bruce

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HAPPY THANKSGIVING TO YOU ALL...

I am thankful....

... for chocolate!
... for my pager, photography, and technological visual aids,
... for calming hot cocoas and for excitement and joy
... for my parents who continue to support my careers (both!) all the way,
... for my children (Bart and Sammie) and for their help with shipping,
... for fans' complimentary notes on Facebook, email and letters,
... for RID giving me an opportunity to be an Approved Sponsor,
... for my business partner who believes in me as I run the coffee shop
... for my puppy, Rosa's affection and good company,
... for buyers who purchased my DVDs,
... for participants who eagerly signed up for my workshops,
... for friends who offer advice and encouragement
and you being there to read my enewsletter! Once again, happy
Thanksgiving to you all!

A BIG HUG,

Trix



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"You can do it - just like me." Trix Bruce by **Richard Brown**

Patricia Bruce - Trix, for short - is a refreshing combination of linguist, poet, and performing artist. She is proof that with love and encouragement both the Deaf and hearing worlds can learn to appreciate and understand the human dimension of rising above any challenge to excel. Trix Bruce is an inspiration - she loves to tell her story and she loves her audience to value who they are and the talents latent within each individual. The Deaf are inspired to expand within the hearing world. The hearing are inspired to see a world expressed in sign, a language that is rich, full, and expressive in ways a spoken language will never have the words to express. Ms. Bruce is sensitive and perceptive to the potential of those who communicate with and within the deaf community. To this group she communicates in sign the importance of understanding the depth and breadth of American Sign Language. Her students learn from a master that sign language is a complete, fully expressive language having the capacity to communicate both the words of the hearing world and complete emotion as well, a feature that words alone will never achieve.

See...

Feel...

Do...

On stage, Trix Bruce draws her audience into her world. Through expression of thought and emotion Ms. Bruce's audience becomes involved.

Trix brings people into their world with a greater intimacy than a speaking comedian. Sign allows her to use movement and shape to convey the human condition precisely. "A sense of humor is a sense of perspective." The interaction between the hearing world and the Deaf world is tenuous and fragile: The result is laughter when told in sign by a master story teller.

In many ways Patricia Bruce has mastered life. Self-employed, mother, artist - she is an inspiration to the countless lives she touches. Ms. Bruce has a profound message: Love ... yourself, and others, (both Deaf and hearing). The message conveyed: Live the life you have been given with as much aspiration as Trix Bruce. With each performance she graciously offers a genuine example of her focus, passion, and love of life.

English Equivalents: Caught red-handed

- Caught red-handed (obviously guilty)
- Feeling sheepish (embarrassed)
- Feeling like a fool (embarrassed)
- Trapped, stuck, at a loss (not sure what to do)
- Lost an argument (lost face)
- Caught flat-footed (unprepared)
- Caught off-guard (surprised, not ready)

Practice Sentences:

A guy was in the "Cash only" line, ready to pay, when he suddenly realized that he was out of cash. He felt like a fool!

An ASL student asked me if he could get a restroom pass, so I let him go. He was away so long that I went out to check on him. There he was, flirting with a gal in the hall! When I caught him red-handed, he blushed and returned to the classroom without a word.

I caught her red-handed trying to suck her thumb at the age of nine! She had worked hard to break her habit, but she couldn't.

I wanted to purchase a magazine called MORE, and I wondered where it was. For some time, I looked around for it, but didn't see it. Then, "Bingo!", I remembered that MORE sells right up in the front of the store, by the counter. I felt like such a fool having searched for so long!

In New York City, Keith was stealing a car when a police officer drove by and caught him flat-footed!

By doing all kinds of clever tricks, Jackie Chan enjoys leaving his opponents feeling sheepish.



A cute story re: the sign, "caught red-handed"

I got this story from a friend who knew that it is just my style. LOVE this story! Please feel free to pass it on. Hugs, Trix

Years ago, a 10 year old boy approached the counter of a soda shop and climbed on to a stool. "What does an ice cream sundae cost?" he asked the waitress "Fifty cents," she answered. The youngster reached deep in his pockets and pulled out an assortment of change, counting it carefully as the waitress grew impatient. She had "bigger" customers to wait on.

"Well, how much would just plain ice cream be?"

The waitress responded with noticeable irritation in her voice, "Thirty-five cents." Again, the boy slowly counted his money. "May I have some plain ice cream in a dish then, please?" He gave the waitress the correct amount, and she brought him the ice cream.

Later, the waitress returned to clear the boy's dish and when she picked it up, she felt a lump in her throat. There on the counter the boy had left two nickels and five pennies. She realized that he had enough money for the sundae, but sacrificed it so that he could leave her a tip.

The Moral: Before passing judgment, first treat others with courtesy, dignity, and respect.

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- [Dream On: Introduction to Black Dot Coffee Shop](#)
- [October Interview in Mill Neck, New York](#)
- [Non Manual Signals References](#)

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Upcoming Events

- [November 13, 2010 ~ Visible Words: The Art of Storytelling With Classifiers](#) in Everett, Washington
- [December 10, 2010 ~ Hot Cocoa Happy Hour with Trix Bruce! At Black Dot Coffee Bar, Washington](#)
- [January 8, 2011 ~ "Face Painting" with Non Manual Signals in ASL in Appleton, Wisconsin](#)
- [January 9, 2011 ~ ASL Semantics and English Idioms in Appleton, Wisconsin](#)
- [January 10, 2011 ~ THE HEARING WORLD AROUND ME](#) in Appleton, Wisconsin
- [January 20, 2011: English Idioms: Psst...How Do You Interpret That? In Tucson, AZ](#)
- [January 21, 2011: ASL Semantics: Precision of Expression in ASL in Tucson, AZ](#)
- [January 22, 2011: VISUALIZE THIS: Drawing in Space with ASL Classifiers in Tucson, AZ](#)
- [February 18 - 20, 2011: BAIT's 11th Annual Immersion Weekend](#) in Talladega, Alabama
- [March 12 - 13, 2011: Workshops in Minneapolis, Minnesota](#)
- [March 14 - 15, 2011: THE HEARING WORLD AROUND ME and Workshops](#) in Eau Claire, Wisconsin

About Trix Bruce

You are an informed, entertaining and passionate presenter. I can't wait to see you again!! ~ Kim Shubat

Thanks so much, Trix. I know that others, as well as I, enjoyed both workshops this past weekend, so thanks for coming to Long Island to present them to us. ~ Bram Weiser, MS, CT

Hi Trix: Thanks for the best classifier class ever. I wish you had the whole course on DVD so you could go over it again and again. If you did a class with 3 people and video taped it professionally I know it would be a winner. Much is lost within the first week and even though the hand outs are great you can't reference them to actual pictures while you are performing it. If I could go through this over and over I know it would stick. Anyway if you come again I will take it again. ~ Rod Frenz, NY

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