



Metro Regional Program for Deaf and Hard of Hearing

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To Whom It May Concern:

On January 19 – 23, 2004 Patricia (Trix) Bruce was our Artist in Resident. The Metro Regional Program is part of the Nebraska Regional Program for Children who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing. Our students are all mainstreamed and, in the Omaha area, we have three (3) different school districts, where the hearing impaired students mainly attend. Each school district has numerous schools where the students are located. Trix was a real trouper going from school to school so she could work with all the students in grades pre-k through high school.

I was amazed with how Trix interacted with all the students. I will remember her visit for many years to come, Trix made sure to engage all the students in the mainstream schools, the deaf, hard of hearing and hearing, it was all awesome. My most memorable moment of the visit was at one of the high schools. At this particular school there are a number deaf students with additional disabilities and Trix took the deaf-blind individual and made sure he was included in the skit with her. The smile on his face said everything as he was included without the need of an additional interpreter... he was the star of the show with Trix. It was WONDERFUL and I will never forget the look of joy on his face!

Trix's background is in linguistics and that carries into her storytelling. She tells her stories through her words. Her play on words and the images she creates with her words explodes in the audience's mind just as a beautiful canvas explodes in paint and color at the end of an artist's brush. She takes everything to heart and pours her heart into her stories and performances.

Sincerely,

Natasha Kraft
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