

## **Memorandum of Understanding**

**Laurel Dell Elementary School** and **Marin Shakespeare Company** will work together to provide a sequential standards-based Theatre program for students in grades K through 5 during the 2016/17 school year.

### **Program Description**

Drama Instruction includes theatre games, warm-ups and exercises designed to:

- Encourage students to use their bodies, voices, and imaginations to tell stories
- Practice focus and teamwork
- Combine creativity with discipline
- Teach basic theatre concepts and vocabulary
- Build skills in public speaking and vocal expression
- Introduce poetic language and literature
- Encourage language acquisition and vocabulary building

Games, exercises and warm-ups might include:

- Passing sounds and movements
- Tongue-twisters, Vocal Dial
- Mirror exercise
- Focus-building games like Go! and Bippity Bippity Bop
- Creativity building games like Magic Rock and Silly Walks
- Story telling games like Tableaux, Improvisation, Machines
- Theatre Skill games like Stage Directions

Poems Students will act out might include:

- Grade K – “Over in the Meadow”, a poem about numbers and animals or “The Colors of the Rainbow”, a poem about colors
- Grade 1 – “Little Monkeys on a Magic Carpet Ride” or “We’re Going on a Bear Hunt”, stories about imaginative places
- Grade 2 & 3 – Kenn Nesbitt and Shel Silverstein poems like “I’ll Never”, “All My Great Excuses”, and “Table Manners”
- Grade 4 – “The Pony Express” by Bret Harte
- Grade 5 – “The Seven Ages of Man” by William Shakespeare

Teaching Artists are professional actors, with lots of teaching experience. They bring passion and enthusiasm for Theatre to the classroom.

### **In addition to Drama Classes, Marin Shakespeare Company provides:**

- Scholarships for 6 or more students ages 5 - 12 identified by the school to participate in 2-week summer Shakespeare camps. Camps are held in Ross, San Rafael, and Novato.
- Student Matinee performances on Fridays in September at 11 am at the Forest Meadows Amphitheatre, an opportunity for students to attend a professional Shakespeare production. Tickets are \$10. We can send an actor or director to the school prior to the performance to prepare students and give an introduction to the play.

Our mission is to serve as a cultural and educational resource. We love sharing Shakespeare and Drama with students of all ages.

### **Schedule & Space**

MSC will provide six to nine weeks of classes for each K through 5 classroom; each class will be 35 – 45 minutes in length. The School will provide a specific schedule to MSC.

The School will provide the best space possible for classes.

### **Accountability & Communication**

MSC accountability includes:

- Ongoing availability by phone or e-mail for problem-solving and progress reports

School accountability includes:

- Provision of facilities for instruction and performances
- Certified teacher present during class time theater arts instruction

Our joint accountabilities include:

- Open, clear communication and collaboration between MSC faculty and school teachers regarding content, students, feedback and school policies
- Mutual respect for intellectual property rights

If possible, Marin Shakespeare would appreciate the opportunity to meet with classroom teachers one or more times during the year to solicit feedback about the program, and discuss how the program can be most valuable for students and teachers. We ask that you schedule time at a staff meeting for an MSC representative to discuss the program with classroom teachers at least once this year.

### **Non-compete Clause**

The School acknowledges that Marin Shakespeare Company has devoted a significant amount of time and resources to training it's faculty members in the curriculum developed by MSC. The School entering into this agreement understands and agrees that it would be unfair to enter into a direct or private agreement with an MSC faculty member to provide additional services to The School outside the auspices of MSC. This would unfairly deprive MSC of an opportunity to provide such services pursuant to this Agreement and render it more difficult for MSC to fulfill its obligations under agreements with other parties to provide similar services.

Accordingly, The School agrees that during the term of the Agreement and for a period of one (1) year after the expiration or earlier termination of the Agreement, the school shall not directly, or indirectly, solicit any additional services (including but not limited to performances, after-school enrichment, fundraising, daycare, teaching, coordination, etc.) from an MSC faculty member. If any such arrangement comes to MSC's attention, The School agrees to compensate said damages with a two-thousand five-hundred dollar (\$2,500) finders' fee.

### **Fees**

The value of this program is \$9,000, not including scholarships for summer camps. The school will contribute \$1,500 towards this cost.

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## ACCEPTANCE

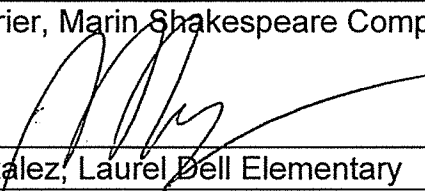
Please sign one copy and send payment to: Marin Shakespeare Company, P. O. Box 4053, San Rafael, CA 94913. Questions: 415/499-4485 or [lesley@marinShakespeare.org](mailto:lesley@marinShakespeare.org).

We accept the proposal above.



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Lesley Currier, Marin Shakespeare Company

Date: 8/10/16



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Pepe Gonzalez, Laurel Dell Elementary

Date: 8/29/16