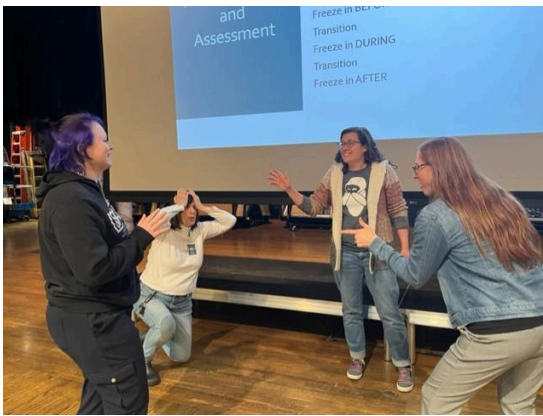




Arts Integration Training

Overview

Learn how to intertwine your expertise in a subject area with the arts and how both areas can strengthen each other. Teachers will take away simple strategies in drama, movement or visual art that they can apply right away. Melissa O'Rear teaches this course using the Kennedy Center's definition of arts integration. Melissa loves helping teachers discover connections between the arts and various subject areas. As "creativity" is considered the highest order of thinking, arts integration is the perfect way to give students an opportunity to demonstrate their learning. Workshops can range from 1-3 hours or can last throughout the year on PD days.



About Melissa O'Rear

Melissa O'Rear (Founder/Executive Director) is a theatre educator, producer, teaching artist, director and actor. As a trained actor and singer from Lawrence University, she spent many years performing in Chicago. During that time, she discovered her love for theatre education and has spent 20 years creating safe spaces for artists of all ages to take creative risks. She holds a master's degree in Educational Theatre from New York University. Her greatest passion is arts integration where the intersection of arts and various subject areas can compliment each other.

Melissa has taught in NYC, Chicago, and locally, in D11 and at The Colorado Springs School and for various arts organizations. She has worked with the Millibo Art Theatre, Colorado Springs Children's Chorale, Stars & Moon Music Theatre, Theatreworks, the Fine Arts Center, Counterweight Theatre Lab, UCCS and the Colorado Springs Conservatory. Melissa's most recent work as the Program Manager of Education at The Cultural Office of the Pikes Peak Region included developing [PeakArtsEd](#), a one-stop-shop for finding arts education classes and experiences, the [Arts Education Symposium](#), the region's first conference for arts educators, and [Addressing Trauma through the Arts](#), an arts toolkit for regulation, relationship and resiliency.

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