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**PARTNERS IN ARTS AND
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November 2024

**GIVING TUESDAY
DECEMBER 3**

**HELP ALTA MEET \$10,000
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OR ANYTIME IN DECEMBER!**



**ALTA BRINGS LITERACY-BASED ARTS PROGRAMS
TO SCHOOLS, LIBRARIES.**

**PROFESSIONAL TEACHING ARTISTS INSPIRE
STUDENTS TO ENGAGE IN LEARNING.**

WHEN STUDENTS ARE ENGAGED, THEY LEARN!

YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!



NEW ARTISTS AND NEW AND UPDATED RESIDENCIES!

RUTHANN CURRY, THEATRE



Ruthann Curry is a professional performer, director, and educator specializing in Acting, Shakespeare, Voice & Movement, Devising & Improvisation. She is an experienced teacher in all aspects of theatre with a strong focus in theatre arts training for youth. Her

training and experience allows for diverse and focused work within the classroom no matter the grade or subject. Her unique ability to listen and connect with young people brings out the best in them. Her programs include:

Who's in Rabbit's House? K – 2

Words and Emotions – 1st Grade

Detecting Shakespeare -- Elementary

A Thousand Cranes – 6th – 12th grades

CHRIS ESPINOSA XYZ THEATER AND IMPROVISATION



Chris has received his Teaching Artist Credential from Young Audiences. He has 20 years' experience as a Teaching Artist and

has presented over 100 residencies (2,000+ classroom hours). He also has 30 years' experience on stage as an actor, writer, director, and producer. He uses improv comedy to sharpen creativity, develop critical thinking skills, and inspire students to write a narrative, an expository, or a script—and perform it. His programs include:

There's a Wild Animal on the Playground – 2nd grade

Mirror Mirror on the Wall – 4th Grade

Time Travel Bench: History 'Reseats' Itself – 4th grade

DR. I.J. ROUTEN, MUSIC



I.J. Routen received her MEd. And EdD. degrees from The University of Arkansas at Little Rock and her BM from the University of Southern California. She currently serves as the Fine Arts Coordinator in the Little Rock School District and is the Director of Voices Without Borders. Dr. Routen was inducted into the Arkansas

Music Educators Association Hall of Fame as a teacher in 2010 and as an administrator in 2017. In June 2024, she was inducted into the Arkansas Jazz Hall of Fame. She uses music to foster collaboration, community, and an excitement for learning in students of all ages. She will be introducing:

Buttons, Buttons Everywhere! K -2

SUE PICO, VISUAL ARTS



Sue is a multi-disciplinary artist who has delivered impactful arts lessons to students of all age groups across the country. Her residencies encourage and empower students to feel confident in their artistic abilities. Her programs

combine the arts with history, math, science, and literacy to create an impactful learning experience and introduce students to new concepts. While she has a variety of programming concepts, she will be introducing:

Pysanky Ukrainian Eggs – 8th – 12th grades

Students learn the history of making the eggs and then create their own, combining math knowledge with their own creative skills.

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**KATHLEEN MARLENEANU
DANCER**

ALTTA Teaching Artist Kathleen Marleneanu recently received her Certified Teaching Artist status from Young Audiences Arts For Learning. A dancer, choreographer, instructor, teaching artist, and curriculum writer, Kathleen uses her art to inspire joy, discovery, and connections. She draws from her studies, well-rounded dance training *ballet, contemporary, modern, jazz, tap, hip hop, cultural dances), and the infinite realm of creative movement.

To receive this designation, Kathleen went through a rigorous and competitive process based on her



experience, teaching philosophy, and educational techniques. She is the first ALTTA Teaching Artist to receive this designation.

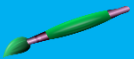
Congratulations, Kathleen!

**LANIE CARLSON
THEATER AND IMPROVISATION**

Lanie Carlson is currently in her second year of professional development with the Responsive Arts in School Education (RAISE) through the Young Audiences Arts for Learning. Teaching Artists participating in this program train in topics including Social-Emotional Learning, Healing-Centered Engagement, and Culturally Responsive-Sustaining Pedagogy.



Lanie has been on the ALTTA roster since 2017. Her programs include: *Show Your Emotion* and *Mother Goose and Friends* for PreK through 2nd grade, *Theatrically Speaking* for 7th grade and *Shakespeare Alive* for 9th – 12th grades.



**YOU CAN ENCOURAGE ARKANSAS' YOUTH
TO ENGAGE IN LEARNING!**

Your support will allow ALTTA's professional teaching artists to reach more classrooms and libraries –

- ✓ blending creativity with literacy,
- ✓ helping students build a strong foundation in reading and critical thinking, and
- ✓ changing a child's mindset for learning.

YOUR POTENTIAL IMPACT:

\$100 puts a Student Journal in the hands of every student participating in a residency.

\$300 provides a 3 - day residency for a class of 25 students.

\$1080 underwrites a 3 – day residency for an entire grade, usually 75 to 100 students.

\$5,040 provides Teaching Artist fees and administrative costs for every student in a K – 5 school.

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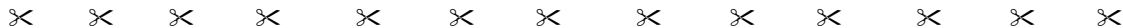
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