

Chris Espinosa XYZ -- Teaching Artist

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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

I facilitate improvisational theater/language arts residencies at elementary, middle, and high schools throughout Texas and Arkansas. I developed my residency to support the language arts curriculum and enhance the writing process. My program increases academic achievement in students by fostering creativity, motivation, and critical thinking skills. Some of the schools that have hosted my residency have experienced higher scores on the state mandated tests. Since 2006, I have implemented a total number of **102 residencies**.

Authors and More, 2019—present

Based in Austin, TX, Authors and More is a booking organization for artists. Artists on their roster provide arts education programs throughout Texas. I have presented a total of 2 residencies for Authors and More in the following school district:

Birdville School District (Haltom City, TX)

ArtsSmart/Texarkana Regional Arts & Humanities Council, 2013—present

ArtsSmart/Texarkana Regional Arts & Humanities Council (TRAHC) is headquartered in Texarkana, Texas. Artists on their roster provide arts education programs to the surrounding area of Texarkana in Texas and Arkansas. I have presented a total of 31 residencies for ArtsSmart/TRAHC in the following school districts:

Atlanta School District (Atlanta, TX)

Red Lick School District (Red Lick, TX)

Liberty-Eylau School District (Texarkana, TX)

Texarkana Arkansas School District (Texarkana, AR)

Pleasant Grove School District (Texarkana, TX)

Young Audiences Northeast Texas, 2012—present

Young Audiences Northeast Texas (YANET) is headquartered in Tyler, Texas. Artists on their roster provide provides arts education programs in the Northeast Texas area surrounding Tyler, Texas. I have presented a total of 8 residencies for YANET in the following school districts:

Tyler School District (Tyler, TX)

Whitehouse School District (Whitehouse, TX)

Sky Rocket Press, 2002—present

I established Sky Rocket Press (SRP) in 2002 to provide author visits, writing residencies, workshops, and professional development seminars to schools throughout Texas and Arkansas. SRP has also assisted local veterans publish books of their war stories and family histories. Through Sky Rocket Press, I have presented a total of 66 residencies in the following school districts and organizations:

Birdville School District (Haltom City, TX)

Katy School District (Katy, TX)

Camp Kiowa (Gainesville, TX)

Keller School District (Keller, TX)

Carroll School District (Southlake, TX)

Laredo School District (Laredo, TX)

Coppell School District (Coppell, TX)

Monte Alto School District (Monte Alto, TX)

Corpus Christi School District (Corpus Christi, TX)

Needville School District (Needville, TX)

Fort Worth School District (Fort Worth, TX)

Northeast School District (San Antonio, TX)

Frisco School District (Frisco, TX)

Northside School District (San Antonio, TX)

Garland School District (Garland, TX)

Prosper School District (Prosper, TX)

Grapevine-Colleyville School District (Grapevine, TX)

Region 11 Ed. Service Center (Fort Worth, TX)

Judson School District (Judson, TX)

Splendora School District (Splendora, TX)

Joshua School District (Joshua, TX)

Venus School District (Venus, TX)

Chris Espinosa XYZ -- Teaching Artist Resume

PUBLISHED WORKS

- 2006 *World Wide Wes 1.0*—Chapter book for 3rd and 4th grade
2004 *The Story Window Writing Workshop Workbook*—Lesson plans for K-5th grade
2002 *Rocket Megabyte's Texas Adventure*—Texas history story book for 3rd and 4th grade

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- 2010 “*Busting Myths about Teaching Writing*”
Texas Council of Teachers of English Language Arts (TCTELA) Conference, Fort Worth, TX
2009 “*Busting Myths about Teaching Writing*”
Texas Elementary Principals and Supervisors Association (TEPSA) Conference, Austin, TX

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT / TEACHING ARTIST TRAINING

- 2020 *Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Training* (8 hrs), Young Audiences National, New York, NY
2020 *Viewpoints as Material, Zoom as Medium: Creative Limitations of Teaching Artistry in a Virtual Learning Space* (12 hrs), Young Audiences National, New York, NY
2020 *Creative Inclusion* (Equity Training, 6 hrs), Center for Arts-Inspired Learning, Cleveland, OH
2020 *Kennedy Center's Changing Education through the Arts (CETA) Professional Learning*
(1) *Opening the Door to Narrative Writing through Monologue* (3 hrs)
(2) *Teacher to Teacher: Sharing Arts Integration Strategies Online* (1.5 hrs)
2015 *Artists as Educators Training*, Young Audiences Northeast Texas (YANET), Tyler, TX

THEATER ARTS TRAINING

- 2021 Acting I and Acting II; Stagecraft I and Stagecraft II // Tarrant County Community College, Hurst, TX
1998-2000 Randy Bennett's Lone Star Comedy (4-part improv training), Dallas, TX
Actors advanced to the next level of training by invitation only. I completed all four parts of improv training. Randy Bennett is one of the original members of The Groundlings in LA.
1999 Vocal Production & Diction // Society of Theatrical Artists Guidance & Enhancement, Dallas, TX
1998 Stage Movement Workshop // Teatro Dallas // Dallas, TX

MEDIA

- 2008 FOX 29 Morning News, San Antonio, TX
2007 *Dallas Morning News, “A Way with Words, and Kids”*
2007 Fox 26 Morning News, Needville, TX

ARTIST ROSTERS

- 2021-present Mississippi Arts Council
2020-present Young Audiences National Credentialed Teaching Artist (Young Audiences New York)
2019-present Authors and More
2016-present Arkansas Arts Council
2013-present ArtsSmart/Texarkana Regional Arts & Humanities Council (TRAHC)
2012-present Young Audiences Northeast Texas (YANET)
2008-present Texas Commission on the Arts (*pays for 30-50% of the fee for an artist on their roster*)