**Ellen Dessler Smith**

**Teaching Artist/ Scenario Actor**

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**Objective: To use my artistic training to educate people of all ages.**

**Qualification Summary**

* More than 25 years in the Seattle Theatre Community.
* Traveled to schools and community centers across the country to perform educational programs and shows.
* Led and facilitated talk backs and Q & A sessions.
* Help create true-to-life characters for scenario interactions.
* Able to access emotions and stay in character while staying conscious of how the student is doing in the simulation.
* Can give constructive feedback and instruction to students.
* Created lesson plans for a private theatre student.
* Adapted a play for student to perform for parents and friends.
* Quick to learn new concepts and disciplines that will be taught.
* Knows how to communicate well with kids of any age group and adults.

**Professional Experience \*list of references available upon request**

**Criminal Justice Training Center 2001 – Present**

*Scenario Actor – Forensic Interviews of Children and Adults – Sexual assault*

**Effective Arts 2001 – Present**

*Scenario Actor*

**Living Voices**

*Touring Educational Actor - Through the Eyes of a Friend / The New American*

**Mad Science**

*Mad Scientist/Performer - after-school programs, school presentations, birthday parties, and events.*

**Small Change Original Theatre**

 *Actor in educational tour of Captain Hydro and the Water Bandit*

**Training**

1995- **Circle in The Square Summer Workshop** (New York) E. Colin O'Leary

1995- **BA in Drama at the University of Washington**

1990- **Y.A.T.P. Seattle Children's Theatre** Tim Bond