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A KC Education Program

Creative Connections: Bringing School Communities Together Virtually Through the Arts

For teachers of all grade levels

You are not in this alone! Teachers are faced with many personal and professional obstacles right now and need to be supported and felt cared for as well. This experience invites teachers to converse and connect virtually through movement, mindfulness, and the reading of art. This experience opens pathways to deeper awareness of our own states of mind and sparks inspiration for creative ways to grow individually and as a community during these challenging times.

Led by **Jessica DiLorenzo and Melanie Rick, Kennedy Center Teaching Artists**

Workshop is for teachers of all grade levels. Limited to 100 participants.

Location: (Laptop or tablet required)

Zoom session (Laptop or tablet required)

Tuesday, October 13, 2020 • 4–6 p.m.

Chautauqua Institution will be providing NYSED-approved CTLE credits for each course. This course offers 2 hours of CTLE credit. **To register please click here.**

This workshop was developed in association with the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts and is partially underwritten by the U.S. Department of Education and the National Committee for the Performing Arts.

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Jessica DiLorenzo



Jessica holds a master's degree in Elementary Education as well as a bachelor's degree in Psychology and Theater Arts from Rutgers University, New Jersey. In addition, Jessica studied acting at the Maggie Flanigan Studio Summer Intensive Program in New York City as an undergraduate, nurturing her love for the art form and inspiring her to combine her passion for teaching with her theater experience.

Jessica has been joyfully integrating the arts and facilitating project-based learning in elementary school classrooms since 2006. She has been providing professional development workshops to teachers and school leaders since 2013. As the Arts Integration Specialist for Any Given Child Sarasota, she is a coach and mentor to teachers throughout the Sarasota County school district and beyond.

Melanie Rick



Melanie is a National Board-Certified Teacher, certified reading specialist, and co-owner and senior arts-integration consultant for Focus 5, Inc. She designs and leads workshops, in-depth courses, and summer institutes focused on aligning arts integration, best instructional practices, and current research in the fields of arts and education.

Ms. Rick works in art museums, schools, and art centers across the country, helping teachers develop their students' visual literacy and critical thinking skills through the integration of visual art and poetry throughout the curriculum.

Melanie is currently a course leader and instructional arts coach for the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Art's Changing Education Through the Arts (CETA) program in Washington, D.C. She also served as the CETA program consultant for five years, working with teaching artists to develop and evaluate workshops presented at the Kennedy Center.

Melanie holds an MA in Literacy Curriculum and Instruction from Virginia Tech and a BA in Elementary and Special Education from Clemson University. She has 20 years of experience integrating the arts with general education, special education, and English Language Learners. She has been a classroom teacher in 3rd, 4th, 6th, and 7th grades as well as an arts integration specialist in a Title I arts magnet school.