Director of Education

Rolanda Brigham

Rolanda Brigham a native Texan has worked extensively with arts education for the last 30 years in Chicago and Dallas. She is a retired actress who has performed in national commercials, voice overs, industrials, regional theatre as well as Broadway. A graduate of The College of Santa Fe with Masters work at The University of Kansas, Rolanda is the product of an innovative arts based curriculum from Arts Magnet High School at Booker T Washington in Dallas Texas. Rolanda has worked developing and implementing arts based curriculum in Chicago with Gallery 37, Truman Middle College High School, The Chicago Theatre Company, Pegasus Players, Cornell Interventions, Beacon Street Gallery/Youthnet and Master Artist Program, Urban Gateways, Catholic Charities, Sullivan House Group Home, Chicago's Juvenile Justice Systems' Healy and Smart Programs, LEAP (Lakeview Educational Arts Program) and with numerous high schools and elementary schools through the Chicago area. In Dallas, she has worked extensively with Junior Players teaching creative writing, acting, improvisation, ballet, jazz and cultural endeavors. Rolanda has also worked with Big Thought creating study guides, parent guides and activity guides for their reading programs as well as teaching new artists how to engage and teach kids through the arts. She is a founding member of Young Audiences of North Texas' Wolftrap Program which was specifically designed to target teaching pre-k kids via the arts. The Wolftrap artist develops curriculum through the arts that adheres to state goals and teaches the curriculum to the student and the teacher. Ms. Brigham is also an active artist in the city-wide initiative of Library Live, 'Every Child Ready To Read' that targets early childhood development reading skills in the public library system.