



Juneau Arts and Humanities Council – Juneau School District  
**PARTNERS IN EDUCATION**

## 2010 TEACHING ARTIST PROFILE and APPLICATION

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**Preferred Method for contact?** Email and phone

I am available to work/teach

1 - 2 week residency period only.  I am flexible, could work different times  
 can work 1 day/week for a month or more  could work part days, different times

### Arts education and/or Arts Background.

In first grade I won second place in the Dental Health Poster Competition at my elementary school. Until my secondary education I only dabbled in Art occasionally.

In my Teaching Credential program I participated in a semester long integrated Art curriculum for K-8 instruction. In that class I did natural mosaics, collages, figure drawing, book making, fish printing, visual art and poetry. I also attend a Summer Art Institute in Waldorf Education for 6<sup>th</sup> Grade curriculum in 2004. In the Summer Art Institute we learned shading techniques by working with pastels, wet-on-wet watercolors, a unique medium where you can wipe off your watercolors and start over, physical arts, learned to play the recorder and learned techniques of geometric drawing with a compass where shading techniques to create positive and negative space geometric designs.

I am trained in the art of experiential education facilitation through Project Adventure, Brain Gym, Developmental Movement and Education Kinesiology.

I find that I have a lot to offer, not only in the visual arts of Geometric Drawing, but also in the ‘art’ of group development by integrating games focused on involvement, cooperation, communication, trust and teamwork. It is through synthesis of my combined experience as an educator that I combine Education Kinesiology, Social Skill Development and Visual Art as my Artist in Residence Profile.

### ART FORM(s) and AGE of STUDENTS you are interested in working with.

**Geometric Drawing with compasses** (for ages 6<sup>th</sup> grade and up) This is a science/math/art project which uses compasses to create geometric drawing. The lesson can be from 1 ½ hours or 3 to 4 hours a day over the course of one week. In this lesson I address the Alaska State Science Standards: Arts A,C,D – Math A, C, D, E and Science A, B, D, and F.

**Brain Gym® and Developmental Movement**- (for ages Pre-K to Adult) These exercises build capacities in people by crossing midlines. With these exercises I address the Alaska State Standards for Skills for a Healthy Life.

**Natural Mosaics** (for ages Pre-K to Adult) A visual art lesson. In this I address the Alaska State Standards for Art A, C, and D.

**Team-Building/Team-Play** (for ages Pre-K to Adult) These lessons focus on group development by integrating games focused on involvement, cooperation, communication, trust and teamwork. All of these activities address the Alaska State Standards, Skills for a Healthy Lifestyle.

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**What themes, concepts, and experiences do you want to share with students?**

Science Education  
Geometric Drawing  
Teamwork, Trust, Communication

**Prior teaching experiences (apart from residencies)**

I began teaching at summer camps in 1995. I have been in the outdoor education and public education field since that time with a vast array of experience and increasing responsibilities. From 1995 to 2003 I taught outdoor adventure education to ages 10 and up. In 2005 I received my California Teaching Credential. During that time I student taught at a Charter School in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade where I taught art, science education and a unit on puppetry, and I also student taught in 6<sup>th</sup> grade at the public middle school where art was integrated into the geography curriculum. From 2005 to 2007 I taught P.E., Challenge Course, and Science to students ages pre-K to 12. In 2008 I was the 6<sup>th</sup> grade teacher at a Waldorf Methods California Charter School. Currently I teach and manage the Outdoor/Adventure Education Program at SAGA in Juneau, Alaska.

**Why do you want to teach the arts in Juneau schools?**

I want to teach arts in the Juneau schools to build the capacities of self-efficacy for students in an ever-changing world. I want to share a love of the arts and learning, mastery of tools through creative geometric art projects and to teach tolerance through dynamic team-play and team-adventure games.

**Past Experience with Artist in the Schools residencies:** None to Date:  \_\_\_\_\_

**Have you been part of the Juneau Teaching Artist workshop series?**

Yes, whole series       Yes, some of the workshops       No, not yet

**3 references**

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**Other comments** or additions that help illuminate your work or life as an artist???

See Attached Photos. (with resume)

