

**Program Types** Residencies, workshops, demonstrations, performances, arts integration

Language Proficiencies English

Fees Contact to Inquire

Availability Contact to inquire

## Audiences

Schools (grades pre-K-12), college, at risk, incarcerated individuals, ESL/ELL

## Venues

Schools, colleges, theaters, communities, community organizations

Technical requirements Contact to inquire

Counties Statewide



Mary Bennett Performing Arts: Theatre



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Acting and devising theatre since an early age, Mary Bennett has worked professionally as a theatre and teaching artist for over 20 years. Her training experience includes: Kennedy Center Teaching Artist Training, American Conservatory Theatre Company, Dell Arte' International Theater Company, Bay Area Theatre Sports, New York Stage & Film at Vassar College, The B Street Theatre, and the dance, culture and masks of Bali. Mary teaches improvisation, arts integration, team building, movement, theatre, and mask making/movement for character creation and performance. She enjoys working as a Kennedy Center teaching artist and collaborating with teachers.

Mary is the Producing Artistic Director at Brūka Theatre in downtown Reno and The Carson City Ghost Walk. She has created her own solo shows and historical character portrayals including *Dorothy Parker*... *Shivering and Sighing*, a theatrical piece incorporating the short stories and poetry of Dorothy Parker that won "Best of the San Francisco Fringe Festival" and tours nationally. She works as a stage, film and voice-over actor and has a deep interest and fascination with history and the creation of original work for both young and old. Mary has played many cherished roles including Shirley Valentine, Lady Macbeth, and Clara in *The Buttcracker* series. She has received numerous grants from the Sierra Arts Foundation and the Nevada Arts Council and was voted "Best Actor" in Reno's News & Review ten times. She earned an Honorable Mention in Performing Arts from the Nevada Arts Council's Artist Fellowship program.

## **Professional Development Workshops for Teachers**

Improvisation across the Curriculum Improvisation for Teachers Acting/Character Development and Coaching Original Theatre Creation Arts Integration Workshops and Presentations Solo Show Presentations