



## Marcia Daft

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### ARTISTIC MINDSTORMS: DEVELOPING ANALYTICAL, CRITICAL, CREATIVE, AND SOCIAL SKILLS

**Workshop Leader: Marcia Daft**

**For Parents, School Administrators, Administrators of Performing Arts Institutions, and Members of the Business Community**

**Time Required: 1-1.5 hours**

**Maximum number of workshop participants: 50**

In this lively workshop, participants experience the mental workout of arts-based learning. They engage in activities that demand full use of analytical, critical, creative, and social skills, and explore how minds work when experiencing these high levels of engagement. Finally, participants learn about how arts-based, multi-level learning experiences help students develop the skills advocated by the educational and business communities.

Marcia Daft presents workshops, teacher training, and classroom work in both Spanish and English.

MARCIA DAFT is known for creating original instructional methods for teaching music as well as integrating music and movement into other areas of the curriculum. Her work has been used in classrooms throughout the United States for fifteen years. Ms. Daft is a national workshop leader for the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, a Master Artist with the Wolf Trap Institute for Early Learning Through the Arts, and a consultant for arts institutions throughout the U.S. She has developed museum exhibitions, broadcast programs, and educational programs for the Smithsonian Institution. She has also written over twenty children's educational books for both the Smithsonian Institution and the National Symphony Orchestra. Ms. Daft holds a Bachelors Degree in engineering from Duke University, a Masters Degree in music from the University of Chicago, and studied piano performance at the Mozarteum in Salzburg. She holds both a Certificate and License in Dalcroze Eurhythmics, and performs as part of the duo-piano team *Le Quattro Mani*.