



## Kate Kuper

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### DANCETALK: CREATIVE MOVEMENT AND LANGUAGE DEVELOPMENT

**Workshop Leader: Kate Kuper**

**For Teachers of Grades K-2**

**3 hours of instruction time**

**Maximum number of workshop participants: 30**

This dynamic workshop explores the connection between creative movement and young children's language development. Teachers examine how creative movement can help increase students' vocabulary and their use of verbs and adverbs to express movements, develop their abilities to find rhythm and rhyme in words, and build their comprehension. Workshop activities also develop social and life skills, such as focus, concentration, imagination, and cooperation. Participants discover how hands-on, bodies-on learning makes for a dynamic, energized and joyful environment where children express themselves cooperatively, creatively, and physically!

Note: A copy of Ms. Kuper's *AlphaBeat* CD must be provided for each participant at an additional cost.

### KATE KUPER ALSO OFFERS THE FOLLOWING SERVICES\* FOR:

#### Students

- Workshops in Preparation for Performance/Exhibit Attendance
- Other Workshops
- Residencies
- Written Guides to Performances/Exhibits
- Development of Online Resources

#### Teachers

- In-Depth Courses
- Demonstration Teaching
- Workshops in Preparation for Performance/Exhibit Attendance
- Written Guides to Performances/Exhibits

#### Parents

- Workshops for Parents
- Workshops for Parents with their Children

#### School Administrators

- Speeches

#### Other

- Instructional Audio Guides
- Training for College Students in Working with Children

*\*Not all services have been designed or presented by the Kennedy Center.*

KATE KUPER is a resident of Champaign, Illinois. After a successful career as a choreographer and performer in the 1980's, Ms. Kuper turned her attention to becoming a teaching artist. She has conducted residencies in schools through the Illinois Arts Council's Arts-in-Education programs since 1982, working with Pre K through 8th grade students. She has taught young children at early childhood centers throughout Illinois, conducted teacher workshops for preschools and social service organizations, and presented at Association for the Education of the Young Child conferences in Michigan, Virginia and Illinois. Ms. Kuper has recorded three audio & instructional collections of creative movement, song and dance activities for children: *Songs for Dancing*, *AlphaBeat*, and *Step On the Beat*. In 1986, she was recognized by the National Endowment for the Arts for her choreography and in 2000 by the Illinois Alliance for Arts Education for her contribution to the field of education. Ms. Kuper is currently a Visiting Lecturer in the Department of Dance at the University of Illinois, teaching "Creative Dance for Children."