BRINGING BIOGRAPHIES TO LIFE THROUGH PUPPETS

Workshop Leader: Kathleen Lynam
For Teachers of Grades K-3
3 hours of instruction time
Maximum number of workshop participants: 35

Teachers take their students back in time to meet George Washington, Abraham Lincoln, and Martin Luther King, Jr.—through the use of puppets! In the workshop, participants receive an easy-to-make hand puppet with three computer-generated faces of the previously mentioned patriots and learn ways to bring the puppets to life using puppet performance techniques. Literacy connections are explored as teachers learn how puppets can help students discover more about historic characters.

Note: Sponsor has the option of substituting three historic characters of their choice for Washington, Lincoln, and King.

Kathleen Lynam also offers the following services* for:

Students
- Performances/Exhibits/Lecture-Demonstrations
- Residencies

Teachers
- Demonstration Teaching

Parents
- Workshops for Parents
- Workshops for Parents with their Children

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

KATHLEEN LYNAM created Crafty Characters Puppet Troupe to bring culturally diverse stories to young audiences. Universities, historic homes, and private individuals have commissioned her handcrafted puppets, which she uses in all of her performances. More than 700 hand-sculpted finger puppets, representing both male and female master artists, were sold nationwide through CRIZMAC Arts Catalog. In 1999, The Virginia Museum of Fine Arts purchased the Master Artist series. A teaching artist since 1991, Ms. Lynam works extensively in the classroom developing activities, songs and stories that are developmentally appropriate, educationally sound, and promote the love of learning. Ms. Lynam is also a Master Artist with the Wolf Trap Institute for Early Learning Through the Arts.