National Theatre of the Deaf

Testimonials

(Condensed from Master List)

2014

“The performance was wonderful! My class thoroughly enjoyed every moment and it really opened our eyes to an entirely new type of theatre! Having the kids participate was wonderful—they were so engaged and eager to talk about their favorite part….Great job!!”

Megan McDuffee
2nd Grade Teacher
Dr. Charles Barnum Elementary
School
Groton, CT
March, 2014

“I really loved your performance…the audience really enjoyed the performance as well. It was nice to see my fellow classmates branch out and participate in such a wonderful opportunity. Kids who were there are still talking about how much fun they had, and how funny you guys were even without your voices.”

Kayla
Student, Fitch Senior High School
Groton, CT
March, 2014

“The students had a lot of fun with the creativity of the troupe….Come back! Often!”

Jeri DeSantis
English Teacher
Fitch Senior High School
Groton, CT
March, 2014
“Awesome! My students were wowed with the signing skills and seeing deaf adults in the theatre.”

Courtney Easters  
DHH Teacher  
Martin Middle School  
Raleigh, NC  
February, 2014

“The content was extremely creative and imaginative.”

Stacy Hayes  
7th Grade Counselor  
Martin Middle School  
Raleigh, NC  
February, 2014

“The quality of the performance was outstanding. Students in my room have been using sign language with one of their peers, so this performance was extremely valuable!”

Rachel Kirschner  
2nd Grade Teacher  
New Hartford Elementary School  
New Hartford, CT  
April, 2014

“Thank you Little Theatre for the Deaf- I loved your show! It was the best.”

Isabella  
2nd Grade Student  
Connecticut  
March, 2014

“Thank you for the show. You were amazing. You were also funny. You are the best actors. I want to see you do it again!”

Katrina  
3rd Grade Student  
Groton Public Schools  
Groton, CT  
March, 2014
“[The show] inspired me and made me laugh and just all around made me happy.”

Rebecca Krams
Student, Fitch Senior High School
Groton, CT
March, 2014

“The students were engaged in the performance from start to finish! It was great for them to see hearing impaired actors doing improv. The interactive piece was engaging and entertaining.”

Beth Reinhold
5th Grade Teacher
Groton Public Schools
Groton, CT
March, 2014

“The show was everything and more of what I’d hoped it would be… my students are still talking about it (two weeks later!)…. Thank you for a perfect day!” “Fun! Beguiling! Enthralling!”

Paula R. Bell
K-12 American Sign Language
Fitch Senior High School
Groton, CT
March, 2014

2013

“It doesn’t matter if you speak fluent ASL or don’t know anything about it, this show makes you feel a part of the deaf community…. If I was 5 or 6 years old, I would really enjoy the show for the characters and the things like stretching a rubber band to the moon. Now being 16, I can enjoy it for the witty humor of [the actors] and learning new signs and seeing a deaf community in action.”

Alexandra Zajko
Lewis S. Mills High School Student
Burlington, CT
October, 2013
“It was so nice to have something different than any other performance we’ve had. The audience was as quiet and attentive as I’ve ever seen, so I’d say it was a hit!”

Ellen Phillips
Head Children/Teen Services Librarian
Enfield Public Library
Enfield, CT
February, 2013

“This was the best experience I have had in my 36 years of working in Special Education!”

Terry Soria
Signing I.P., Pre-School – Kindergarten
Steinbeck Center
Salinas, CA
June, 2013

“The performers were fantastic, professional, friendly, and skilled in dealing with various members of the audience.”

Barbara Driscoll-Woo
American Sign Language Teacher
Woodland Middle School
Westbury, NY
February, 2013

“I enjoyed your play so much. I loved your facial expressions. I loved your movements in the play. I laughed during your play. I loved your play.”

Shyanne, Student

“I could tell [the children] were enjoying it from their smiles and all the applauding in sign language. It opened the children’s eyes to a different way of communicating.”

Diana Tompkins
1st Grade Teacher
McKinley School
Fairfield, CT
February, 2013
“It was an enriching experience for our students. It was the opportunity where they could strengthen their deaf identity, which they don’t often get to experience….Perfect work!”
Rochelle Greenwell, Intern
Steinbeck Center
Salinas, CA
June, 2013

“The performances were wonderful and the activities with our kids were amazing. The kids had the best time trying out their acting skills- some for the first time! The audience really loved the performances and I saw the parents getting teary-eyed watching their children come out of their shells and shine! Everything was wonderful! We thoroughly enjoyed it.”
Lindsey Jarolimek
Educational Interpreter
Toro Park School
Salinas, CA
June, 2013

“This performance makes me want to learn more and more about Deaf culture and even continue to learn sign language as a career.”
Brian Constentino
Lewis S. Mills High School Student
Burlington, CT
October, 2013

“I learned a lot from watching [the performers] and communicating with them.”
Christine Levesque
Lewis S. Mills High School Student
Burlington, CT
October, 2013

“The stories they told were very interesting and amazing- I really enjoyed them a lot.”
Kaitlin Suiek
Lewish S. Mills High School Student
Burlington, CT
October, 2013
“Very engaging and creative!”

Kallin Johnson
Director of Music
Notre Dame Academy
Worcester, MA
November, 2013

“The performers were superb. They connected easily with the audience, were at ease, and did a fantastic job!”

Dr. Evelyn McKenna
Notre Dame Academy
Worcester, MA
November, 2013

“The casual yet professional performance was engaging! The skill of improv and the ability to engage the audience directly was very successful.

Emily Haley
12th Grade English Teacher
Notre Dame Academy
Worcester, MA
November, 2013

“The students loved it. The actors’ enthusiasm and energy was contagious.”

Mary Zywar
Art Teacher
Notre Dame Academy
Worcester, MA
November, 2013

“The quality of the performance was very high. The performance was interesting, engaging, and unpredictable. The participation of audience members was a very nice element of the performance.”

Linda Gustafson
Spanish Teacher
Notre Dame Academy
Worcester, MA
November, 2013
“The performance was excellent. I believe this may have been the first time many of the students were exposed to a deaf person. It was heartwarming to experience how they quickly adopted from clapping to ASL applause….Numerous students commented on how much they enjoyed the interactive aspect.”

Sherry Champlin  
French Teacher  
Notre Dame Academy  
Worcester, MA  
November, 2013

“Loved the show! Excellent quality of performance.”

Catherine Caputo  
Alumnae Office  
Notre Dame Academy  
Worcester, MA  
November, 2013

“I found the experience totally entertaining and very positive in understanding communication.”

Barbara Collins  
10th-12th Grade Teacher  
Notre Dame Academy  
Worcester, MA  
November, 2013

“That was awesome! Great! Funny! Best show yet!”

Lynne Clements  
3rd Grade Teacher  
Middletown Village School  
Middletown, NJ  
February, 2013