



## Mother Nature Study Guide

### Interactive Plays

Kitty's unique interactive plays weave history, literature, manners, customs, dance and music into theatrical presentations where audience members - both teachers and students - portray the key characters and historical figures of the times. Great sensitivity is used when involving participants, as some folks would prefer to simply sit back and watch the antics of their comrades.

*In order to set good examples of theatre etiquette, it is respectfully requested that teachers attend programs without papers or homework in hand.*



### The Mother Nature Show

**Planet Earth (Present Day)** The program introduces young students to a variety of environmental issues including preservation and recycling. Emphasis is placed on how humans impact various ecosystems and how conservation is our responsibility. Northeast habitats such as a pond, a forest and the sea shore are depicted using both indigenous animals and imaginary "fairy life". Messages of protecting our environment are whimsically yet poignantly explored.

### Mother Nature

The mythological Mother Nature passionately strives to maintain a balance in nature. Combining ecology with mythology, she is connected to the "fairy-world" and can see, hear and talk with water sprites, fairies etc. who inhabit the forests in which we live.



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### Performance Objectives

To create a supportive environment wherein students' participation results in a positive, self-affirming experience that allows them to co-create the show with the character by

- Inviting students to depict the animals in their natural environment and demonstrating how humans affects their lives - both positively and negatively
- Illustrating how young people can participate in caring for our local natural resources e.g. picking up their litter, being careful with fire and respecting all species, especially those that are endangered.

### Pre-Show Preparation

Discuss with students the importance of respecting the plants and animals that live among us so that we maintain a healthy food chain and help to ensure the survival of the planet.

### Post-Show Activities

- Create a recycling system in the classroom or at home.
- Take a nature walk around the school and identify the various natural plants and animals that live right on the property.
- Discuss how the presence of people affects these animals.
- What can the students do to preserve the habitats of the plants and animals that share their immediate world?

### The Artist

Having developed her unique style of interactive theatre since 1987, Kitty combines her passion for history with her love of theatre to create 16 different high-energy shows.

Ms. Jones brings 4000 years of history and literature to life in programs ranging from *The Mysteries of Ancient Egypt* to *Women's Rights*. Since 1996, she has written, choreographed, produced and performed her own original material for Kit's Interactive Theatre. Kitty Jones has appeared on TV, Film and the stages of New York.

