

Theatre for the Very Young at Pre-K 4 SA

A Partnership between
The Magik Theatre
and
Pre-K 4 SA

Who is The Magik Theatre?



What is Magik's Mission?

To nurture a love and understanding of theatre and literature by providing extraordinary, affordable, and professional theatre and education experiences.



Partnership with Pre-K4SA

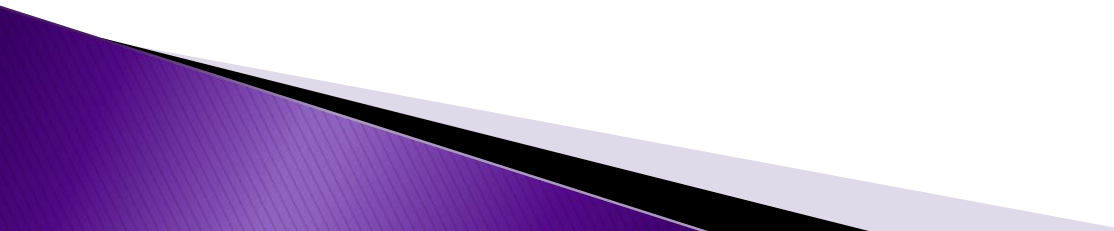
Early last year the Education Staff at The Magik Theatre began collaborating with Pre-K4SA directors and lead teachers in order to create a professional development workshop for Pre-K educators.



Through these workshops, whose initial trial run and feedback period was at the Pre-K 4 SA North Education Center, we offer a space in which educators can learn how to include theatrical, imaginative play into everyday instruction.

Collaboration Goals

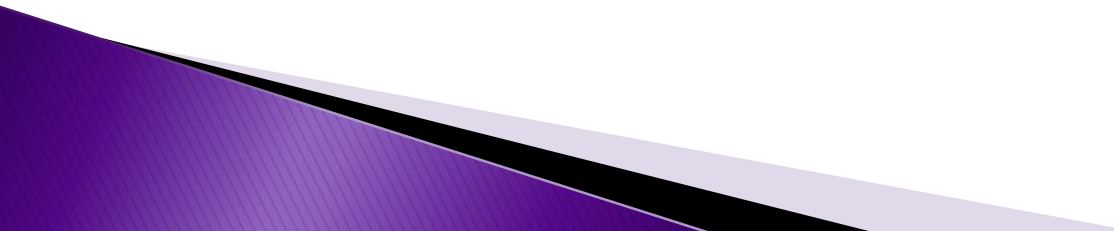
Our goals for this collaboration were to:

- ▶ Provide a high-quality prekindergarten education that allows students to harvest their imaginative abilities, inspire creative problem-solving, continue a passion for reading, and encourage an on-going relationship with the arts.
 - ▶ Provide educators with an in-depth understanding of what imaginative play is and how it benefits a student's development.
 - ▶ Offer the proper tools for educators to facilitate engaging kinesthetic learning and dramatic play.
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What is Theatre for the Very Young?

Theatre for the Very Young (TVY) is an artistic experience for ages 5 years and younger that aims to overcome age, language, and developmental barriers while expanding the consciousness of each very young audience member or participant.

Each TVY experience provides:

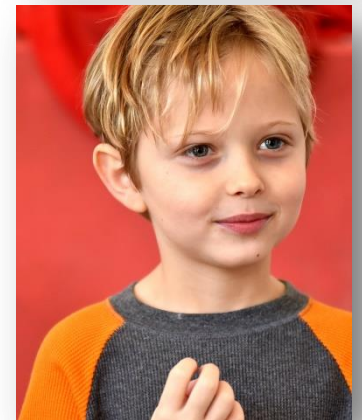
- ▶ A way for focus and creative thinking to be nurtured, or even discovered for the first time.
 - ▶ A cultural experience for the very young on their own terms.
 - ▶ An inventive approach to making quality art experiences.
 - ▶ A fun and inspiring experience for both children and their parents.
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What Does Our Workshop Teach?

Using Imaginative Play to Enhance Developmental Domains, is an interactive experience that shows Prekindergarten and Kindergarten classroom teachers how to use creative drama and dramatic play techniques to enrich classroom curricula.

Teachers will be able to:

- ▶ Incorporate kinesthetic learning in to their lesson plans.
- ▶ Increase vocabulary recall.
- ▶ Encourage fine motor skills.
- ▶ Create theatrical characteristics for read-aloud time.
- ▶ Develop a student's problem solving skills.
- ▶ Promote the growth of individual imagination.



Continuing Our Partnership

In 2015 we are in the process of creating:

► Story Drama

- Story Drama will combine read-aloud time with a dramatic adventure where students will meet and become the cherished characters in popular children's books.
- Story Drama will be work-shopped in Pre-K4SA classrooms, taking into account best practices and teacher feedback.

► TVY Theatre Performances

- Provide a live-theatre experience for each Pre-K 4 SA student.



Continuing Our Partnership

Through our partnership with Pre-K 4 SA, we will:

- Make Professional Development workshops available to school districts in the city of San Antonio and its surrounding areas.
- Offer a framework for educational districts and cities to use as a curriculum planning guide.
- Use this as a platform for collaborative efforts with local, regional and national children's theatres.

