

## **Ouroboros Shadow Pictures presents *The Shadow Factory***

*The Shadow Factory* will begin with a 25 minute introduction and show, followed with a backstage tour which demonstrates how the shadows and music are made. After this, the students are split into groups to work on their own short shadow show, which is designed from prompts assigned to them. This 90 minute workshop consists of three sections: (1) performance by Ouroboros Shadow Pictures, (2) small student group storyboard development, and (3) student performances.

The storyboarding process involves distributing a set of cards to the groups as prompts. There are two sets of cards, the story set and the music set. The story set is based on a "Mad Libs" form, providing descriptive sentences which the students complete by filling in the blanks. They then choose which order the sentences go in, to create their story. The music set, has several cards with simple musical cues (happy, sad, funny, etc), which they then pair with their story. This process is a simple interactive method for groups to quickly make a storyboard.

Once the storyboard is made, the group has time to make several shadow props to help perform their story. The props are made with materials such as paper, cardboard, plastic, tape and string. The groups will have examples of props available to follow, as well as assistance from the workshop leaders. All of the groups then have the chance to perform their stories on the shadow screen. The leaders will assist with the musical cues and lighting. The outcome of this workshop is a fast paced, fun environment that allows students to have an encouraging experience interacting with art, storytelling and music.

### **Lesson Plan:**

**5 mins:** Students sit.

**25 mins:** Introduction and program explanation by Ouroboros Shadow Pictures, followed with 20 minute show.

**10 mins :** Backstage tour and demonstration of how shadows and music are made.

**5 mins:** Split students into groups and distribute activity supplies

**15 mins:** Groups create storyboards and props.

**30 mins:** Student performances.

### **Measurable Outcomes**

The outcome will be the development of creative tools and an introduction to a type of performance that is less "scary" or intimidating than standard youth theater. These outcomes are intended to promote creativity throughout the student learning process and enhance the self confidence of the individual students.

The outcomes of these workshops will be measured in two parts: (1) by a teacher evaluation of student participation, and (2) with a short yes or no student survey consisting of three questions:

- 1) "would you like to see another shadow show?"
- 2) "would you like to make another shadow show?"
- 3) "will you play with shadows at home?"