

VAL HILLIKER Comedy Ventriloquist



Artist in Residence - Puppets, Pens and Performances

International Comedy Ventriloquist **Val Hilliker** and renowned children's author **Simon Rose** team together for one, three or five day packages designed to inspire, entertain and captivate students from grades one through twelve. In this interactive program, your students will;

- * Watch a live performance
- * Make their own puppets
- * Create characters
- * Develop dramatic scripts
- * Learn to manipulate puppets
- * Perform for a live audience

Discover the wonderful art of creating and manipulating puppets, writing comedy dialogue and performing in a fun filled finale for children, teachers and parents.

VAL HILLIKER

Val is the graduate of several comedy and acting workshops, including Cheers Project, Judy Carter's stand up comedy workshop, SCTV comedian/actor Joe Flaherty's improvisational workshop and therapeutic ventriloquism.

She is a licensed World Laughter Leader. Val is also the author of 'Sticks and Stones', a program for creating a caring and respectful community, currently touring Canadian schools and festivals.

www.valhilliker.com



SIMON ROSE

Calgary children's writer Simon Rose is the award nominated author of *The Alchemist's Portrait*, *The Sorcerer's Letterbox* and the soon to be released *The Clone Conspiracy*, due in stores in spring 2005. For full details about Simon's novels for young readers, award nominations, school presentations, workshops and Author in Residence programs, please visit his website.

www.simon-rose.com

What others are saying:

'Val is an excellent performer and is skilled at getting her messages across. She was very fun to work with and has a positive influence on our students. She brought professional quality instruction as well as a sense of style that encourages the students to pursue their own work..' Nova Lea Thorne, Theatre Works Calgary.

'Val's talent as a performer was inspiring for my students! You showed them exactly the kind of final product they should be aspiring to create and gave them a clear idea of what kinds of amazing things they could do to improve their performances. We really enjoyed your sense of humour and you were excellent with the students.'

Lisa M. Porter B.F.A./B.Ed., Drama teacher, A.E. Cross Junior High School.

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