

## **Company Resume**

TRICKSTER Theatre has been working in Alberta schools for 30 years. We have been providing our very popular residency program to schools for the past 20 years. Over 430 schools have held Trickster Residencies. Trickster Theatre has performed at Children's Festivals around the world and has done more than 3000 performances in schools across Canada.

We are a company of physical theatre, which simply means that the physical component of the performance is developed before the dialogue--and plays a more important part. We developed our unique Residency Program as a result of our experience in creating audience interactive theatre works, and our background and training in a variety of performance styles. Our artists are all experienced professionals with backgrounds in at least 2 of our core styles: clowning, physical theatre, improv, and dance.

The lesson plans on our Act2Learn.ca website are used by teachers all over the world. Our site is one of the premiere resources for kinesthetic learning, and represents some of the best thinking on both "teaching through the arts" and "using drama in schools".

## **Artistic, Managing and Producing Directors**

### **David Chantler**

Founded Trickster in 1979. Trained in clowning with Tom Cox in Canada, in clowning and mime with Sigfrido Aguilar at the Estudio Busqueda de Pantomima in Mexico, in theatre and actor training with Richard Fowler at the Odin Theatre in Denmark, and improv and movement with David Schein at the Mangrove Studios in San Francisco.

### **Sheryl Chantler**

Sheryl has been with the company since 1982 and has a dance degree from Scripps College in California. She has trained with Alvin Ailey and Martha Graham in New York, with Richard Fowler at the Odin Theatre in Denmark, and with Whoopi Goldberg in San Francisco.

## **Residency Program Coordinator**

### **Anita Miotti**

Independent Choreographer, Dancer, Actor. U of C Dance Program Graduate

## **Associate Artists**

### **Tara Brodin**

Graduate of U of A Education Program. High School Drama Teacher with Edmonton Public

### **Mark Dawson**

Graduate of Blue Lake Clown School in California. Trained in physical theatre and clowning.

### **Devon Dubnyk**

Graduate of U of C Drama Program

### **Jared Ehrenholz**

Graduate of U of C Drama Program

### **Nicola Elson**

Graduate of U of C Drama Program

### **Andy Jenkins**

Graduate of University of Lethbridge Drama Program.

### **Phil Keyes**

Graduate of the U of A Drama Program

### **Mallory Minerson**

Graduate of the Randolph Academy for the Performing Arts.

### **Jamie Northan**

Trained in theatre sports at Loose Moose Theatre in Calgary.

### **Melissa Northan**

Trained in theatre sports at Loose Moose Theatre in Calgary.

### **Andrew Oberhoffer**

Graduate of U of C Drama Program

### **Carmen Patterson**

Graduate of Rosebud Theatre School

### **Cari Russell**

Graduate of Rosebud Theatre School.

### **Katherine Sanders**

Graduate of U of C Drama Program