

JEAN E. PARISI
RESUME

Education:

- 1987 MFA School of the Art Institute of Chicago – Performance
awarded \$6,000 Traveling Fellowship
- 1973 BFA Philadelphia College of Art - Sculpture

Grants and Awards:

- 2013 ‘Deep Roots Award’ from ElevArte Community Studio, Chicago
- 2003 Public/Community Service Award from the Illinois Alliance for Arts Education
- 1996 & 1994 \$4,000 Neighborhood Arts Project Grant, City of Chicago Dept of Cultural Affairs
- 1993 \$3,000 Neighborhood Arts Project Grant, City of Chicago Dept of Cultural Affairs
- 1988 \$5,000 Individual Artists Fellowship, Illinois Arts Council

Teaching Experience:

- Present: Independent teaching artist/consultant of visual (including drawing/painting, printmaking, bookmaking, murals, and various 3-D projects) and performing arts (including drama, circus arts, and puppetry) for students of all ages and experience, and educators
- 1978 - 2014 Pros Arts Studio/ElevArte Community Studio: teaching artist in visual and performing arts programs (both in-school and after-school) for students of all ages including those with special needs, families and senior citizens; developed and implemented integrated curriculum; presented professional development workshops for educators and teaching artists
- 2009 – 2014 Changing Worlds: teaching artist in visual and performing arts residencies - Chicago elementary and high school in-school and after-school residencies
- 2014 Urban Gateways: teaching artist in visual and performing arts residencies - Chicago area
- 2012 - 2013 Beverly Arts Center: Visual Arts Residencies at Solomon Elementary School (CPS) including projects specific for students with developmental and physical needs
- 2009 – 2011 AdlerDanzTheater: inter-disciplinary projects with developmentally challenged children and for after-school high school students
- 2009 North Berwyn Park District: Puppet & Drama Workshops for children & senior citizens
- 2005 School of the Art Institute of Chicago: Physical Theater Instructor (Undergrad/Graduate)
- 2001 Asian Human Services: Illinois Arts Council(IAC) Arts in Literacy Residency Artist – puppet workshops for ESL families
- 1999 Mark Twain School, Niles Illinois: IAC Residency Artist - puppet/drama residency with culminating performances
- 1995 - 1996 Ogden Elementary School (CPS): IAC Residency Artist - drama residency with culminating performance
- 1994 - 1995 Randolph Street Gallery’s “Team Arts Pursuits” program: inter-disciplinary project
- 1991 - 1992 New Trier High School: IAC ArtsResource education consultant - developing cross-departmental curricular programs
- 1992 Margaret Manor Home for Developmentally Disabled Adults – visual arts program
- 1989 & 1991 School of the Art Institute of Chicago: Visiting Artist, Performance Department

Other:

- 1978 - 2008 Executive Director (co-founder), Pros Arts Studio (now ElevArte Community Studio), Chicago
- 2002 Panelist, Illinois Arts Council Arts in Education Programs: reviewed grant applications

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- 1996 - 1997 Member, Citizen's Committee on Arts Education: advise and promote arts education
1990 - 1993 Panelist, CAAP, City of Chicago Dept of Cultural Affairs: reviewed grant applications

Lectures/Presentations:

- 2005 "Access to Art: Innovations in Arts Education", presenter at "One State: Together in the Arts" conference co-convened by Illinois Arts Council and Illinois Arts Alliance
"Collaborating with the Classroom Teacher", presenter at Artist Training Conference, IAC
1999 "Managing the Classroom" - presenter at "Artist in Schools Seminar" Gallery 37, IAC, & IAAE
1996 "Artist in Communities", Visiting Artist, Art Ed Dept, School of the Art Institute of Chicago
1991 "Art Out There: Toward a Publicly Engaged Art Practice", Presenter in the Visiting Artist Lecture Series, School of the Art Institute of Chicago – included in catalogue
"Transformations in American Public Art", Midwest Faculty Seminar, University of Chicago

Selected Performances/Exhibitions:

- 2014 Senora Parisi's Puppet Theater - St. Angela School, Chicago
Pulcinella Puppet Show - Festa Italiana Chicago
2012 - 2014 "What is Italy?" - performance improvisation with mask and puppets performed at Casa Italia Cultural Center, Stone Park, IL; Montgomery Place Senior Residence, Chicago, IL; Evanston Public Library
2010 - 2013 Installation – for annual Pilsen Open Studios Chicago, IL
2010 - 2014 "Harlequino on the Road" – puppets and performance for annual "All Things Italian Festival" in Fairfield, Iowa
1978 - 2011 Pros Arts Ensemble original bilingual productions for school and community including: "Abuelita's Magic Book"; "Trashy Tales with the Litter Bugs"; "Incognito Mosquito"; "El Circo Mas Grande del Barrio"
2009 'Spinetta's *Spaghetti al Pantalone*' – commedia for school and community, Herrin, IL
2005 "Exquisite Corpse" Cabaret Performance/Exhibition, Decima Musa in Chicago
2003 Art Attacks - series of street performances in Pilsen
1996 – 2000 *Commedia del'Arte* with Pros Arts Ensemble and Italian American Theater Company: "Pulcinella: Physician by Force", "Mastered by Two Servants", "False Prince", performed at Chicago Cultural Center, Columbia College, Daley Plaza, Festa Italia, and Rosary College in Chicago metro area; University of Wisconsin Madison; and Midwest Universities Abroad in Florence Italy
1996 - 1998 "*Bella Italia*" performed at annual Mercantia International Festival, Certaldo, Italy
1991 - 2013 'TV Pros' a live interactive children's series on CAN TV Channel 21

On-going:

- La Befana* Italian traditional performances (since 1995)
Illustrator Fra Noi Magazine - monthly illustration for folktale series (since 1995)