

NEW YORK COMPOSER, FILMMAKER STACEY FOX SPENDS WEEK WITH  
NATIVE STUDENTS

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WALTHILL, NE --- Composer and filmmaker Stacey Fox is conducting a nine-day residency at Walthill and Omaha Nation public schools, working with teachers and students on a variety of projects. Funded by a grant by the NEA and coordinated by the Lied Center for Performing Arts in Lincoln, NE, the residency will focus on integrating the performing arts into the curriculum and meeting the cultural needs of Native American students.

In Walthill, Fox worked with Dianna Spirk, music, Jeva Singh-Anand, art, and Dawn Woepfel, geography. In Macy, she worked with Music instructor John Mangan and two other teachers, Lavennia Coover and Jane E. Marquardt.

Fox and Spirk created a sound score with aboriginal Australian instruments created in the classroom. Working with Singh-Anand's 7<sup>th</sup> grade art students, Fox videotaped interviews for a public service announcement for Red Ribbon Week that will be aired on Walthill's cable access channel 18. She is currently working with Woepfel on a sound composition derived from "The First Flute," a Native American legend.

Fox is also working with John Mangan on creating an ensemble composition using "creative notation" – in other words a musical score not written on a regular staff. This composition will be performed using student made hand drums. Coover's and Marquardt's students are collaborating with Fox on sound scores.

Stacy Fox hails from Saratoga Springs, NY. She is an interdisciplinary artist, trained in music education and percussion performance at the Crane School of Music, S.U.N.Y. Potsdam and Arizona State. Earlier this year, she was hired by the Omaha Tribe of Nebraska to write a Symphony for next year's Lewis and Clark event.

Her residency will last until Thursday this week.

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