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WOLF TRAP FOUNDATION'S MASTER TEACHING ARTISTS VISITING W-JCC SCHOOLS THROUGH FEB. 26

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Williamsburg, VA, Feb. 23 – Wolf Trap Foundation for the

Performing Arts, a national leader in the performing arts and arts education, is partnering with Williamsburg-James City County Public School's Bright Beginnings Office this week to bring its specialized Master Teaching Artists to early childhood classrooms.

Eight preschool teachers at Stonehouse, Clara Byrd Baker, Norge, D.J. Montague, and Rawls Byrd Elementary Schools will work alongside two Wolf Trap Master teaching artists using the proven-effective languages of puppetry, drama, music, and movement.

Wolf Trap's renowned arts education program, the Wolf Trap Institute for Early Learning Through the Arts, serves more than 50,000 children, parents, and teachers in more than 1,200 classrooms across the country each year. During the week-long W-JCC residency, the two teaching artists will evaluate many arts-based lessons that help young children learn basic literacy and academic concepts and life skills. These residencies are provided as a result of support from individual, foundation and corporate supporters of Wolf Trap Foundation Education Programs.

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“The Wolf Trap Teaching Artist residencies offer preschoolers from Williamsburg-James City County Public Schools an engaging and innovative new way to learn in the classroom,” said Wolf Trap Education Senior Director, Miriam C. Flaherty Willis. “We hope to impart rewarding learning experiences for as many young children, parents, and educators in Williamsburg and James City County as possible. Renee Dino, the director of W-JCC’s Bright Beginnings program, has been an invaluable partner in this effort.”

In addition to the week-long residency programs, Wolf Trap Master Teaching Artists also will conduct professional development workshops and workshops for students’ families in support of W-JCC’s commitment to provide early childhood education training for professional educators, university early childhood education majors, center and home-based childcare providers, parents and caregivers.

The Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts is a non-profit organization founded by Catherine Filene Shouse (1896-1994) that presents and produces a full-range of performance and education programs in the greater Washington, D.C., area, as well as nationally and internationally.

Photo 022310 Wolf Trap: Kathleen Lynam, a teaching artist with the Wolf Trap Institute for Early Learning Through the Arts, works with Rawls Byrd Elementary School Bright Beginnings students Turner Carson, left, and Noah Fry in the telling of the story of “The Three Bears” using finger puppets.

Photo 022310 Hug: Students of Vivian Rose’s Bright Beginnings class at Rawls Byrd Elementary express their thanks to Kathleen Lynam in their own way following a 30-minute session of song-singing and story-telling.

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